



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JULY 7, 2021

FROM: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND AMERICAN MARINE CORPORATION FOR UNDERWATER DIVING SERVICES

SUMMARY:

Staff requests that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board) approve a three year agreement with American Marine Corporation (AMC) of San Pedro, California for on-call underwater diving services. The amount of this agreement shall not exceed \$1,200,000 for the first year, and \$1,500,000 for each of two following years, for a total of \$4,200,000 over three years. This contract is the financial responsibility of the Harbor Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article III Class 1(3) and 6(2) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Find that in accordance with Los Angeles City Charter Section 1022, work under the subject agreement (underwater diving services) can be performed more feasibly by an independent contractor than by City employees;
3. Approve the Agreement with American Marine Corporation for a term three years; and total compensation amount not to exceed \$4,200,000;
4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the Agreement; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – The Construction and Maintenance Division of the Harbor Department (C&M) is responsible for the inspection and maintenance of timber wharves and the assessment of underwater slopes for wharf structures throughout the Port of Los Angeles (Port). In a typical year, two dive teams are deployed with a total of approximately 500 dives throughout the Port on over 100 inspection sites and job requests. Underwater diving services are an essential part of the inspection and maintenance function. These services include:

- Annual inspection and evaluation of the condition of fenders, piles, and other underwater structures;
- Timber wharf maintenance repairs, including maintenance repairs performed in conjunction with a C&M surface crew;
- Participation in formal wharf damage inspections/surveys in order to document conditions;
- Inspection of new construction for conformance with Harbor Department specifications; and
- Inspection of plastic pile wrapping and seals to ensure proper installation.

Insofar as there are no employee classifications in the City of Los Angeles that perform hard hat underwater diving, it is necessary to use a contract service to accomplish this specialized function.

Selection Process – The Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on September 2020 and posted on the Harbor Department's website and the Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network (LABAVN). The Harbor Department received proposals from two companies.

The proposals were evaluated by a selection committee comprised of three individuals: a Mechanical Repair General Supervisor (C&M), a Civil Engineering Associate IV (C&M), and a Harbor Marine Manager from the Port of Long Beach.

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The proposals were scored based on the following criteria and weight factors as stated in the RFP:

- Firm Qualifications, Experience, and References (25%),
- Project Organization, Personnel, and Staffing (25%),
- Project Approach, Work Plan, Management, Safety Program, Equipment (20%),
- Rates, Fees, and Budget Control (20%), and
- Clarity and Comprehensiveness of the Proposal (10%)

All three members of the selection committee independently reviewed and rated each proposal (Transmittal 1).

Of the two companies that submitted proposals, AMC was selected by the committee as the strongest proposer.

AMC demonstrated a thorough understanding of the services required by the Port and provided many details of the layout, geography, pile conditions, and marine environment of the Port. AMC has extensive experience in wharf repair with wrapping, bracing and structural supports. The proposal submitted by AMC included a well-organized, clear and comprehensive approach to the work elements specified in the RFP. It was very substantive with specific references to action plans for every berth at the Port. They provided value-added proposals for alternative materials, work methods, and additional services such as pile wrap fabrication. They also provided detailed operating procedures for addressing the work elements detailed in the RFP. AMC has an excellent safety program and meets the equipment requirements of the RFP. AMC previously had agreements with the Port from 2011 through 2020.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The proposed action is the approval of a proposed three year Agreement with American Marine Corporation for on-call underwater diving services, which is an activity involving the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of wharves and an activity involving basic data collection which does not result in serious or major disturbances to an environment resource. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article III Class 1(3) and 6(2) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed on-call diving services agreement would award AMC a three year agreement at an annual cost \$1,200,000 for the first year of the agreement and \$1,500,000 for each of the two following years. Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022 funding in the amount of \$1,200,000 has been included in the adopted budget within the account provided in the table below.

Future spending under the proposed contract is expected to occur as follows:

Fiscal Year	A54040 Center 0510 Program 000
FY 2021-2022	\$ 1,200,000
FY 2022-2023	\$ 1,500,000
FY 2023-2024	\$ 1,500,000
Total	\$ 4,200,000

For the underwater diving services contract approved from 2014 and 2017, C&M spent \$3,135,038 and for the contract approved from 2017 and 2020, C&M spent \$3,800,194.

A funding out clause is included in the contract. In order to fund the contract each year, future fiscal year funding will be requested as part of the annual budget process upon Board approval.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Agreement to form and legality.

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TRANSMITTALS:

1. Selection Committee Scoring Summary
2. Agreement with American Marine Corporation

FIS Approval: MB

CA Approval: SO



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