



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**
Executive Director's
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: MAY 20, 2011

FROM: PORT POLICE DIVISION

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 39580
FOR PURCHASE OF POLICE TRAINING VESSELS TO SUPPORT THE
REGIONAL MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER**

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of Contract No. 39580 to Gravois Aluminum Boats LLC, DBA Metal Shark Aluminum Boats of Jeanerette, Louisiana, for the purchase of four vessels to train students at the Regional Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center (MLETC). These vessels will be used to provide standardized training to public safety personnel engaged in waterborne law enforcement operations. The MLETC will offer State of California, Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) approved coursework to public safety personnel who operate in a port or maritime environment.

The vessels are being purchased through the Federal government's General Services Administration (GSA) program at their guaranteed lowest price. The contract total for the four vessels is \$943,065. Funds have been authorized in the Port Police Capital Budget, and the equipment will be fully reimbursed under Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), Round 8 and State of California Proposition 1B. Vessel operation and maintenance costs are estimated at \$15,000 per vessel annually.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Award Contract No. 39580 for the purchase of four, fully-equipped Relentless training vessels in the amount of \$943,065, including tax and delivery;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the Contract for and on behalf of the Board; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background – The newly established MLETC, in collaboration with Federal, State, and local agencies, provides waterborne law enforcement agencies with uniquely standardized coursework designed to provide law enforcement officers the specialized knowledge, skills, and abilities they need to safely and competently do their job in a maritime environment.

Training modules will be conducted in the maritime environment with practical course instruction in vessel handling, search and rescue, navigation, tactical boat maneuvering, night operations, and underway boardings. The purchase of these training vessels will aid the MLETC in achieving its goal of providing a higher level of competency and protection to ports against the maritime threat.

Selection – In early 2009, personnel assigned to MLETC identified the type of vessel best suited for the MLETC Program. It was determined that training vessels require a different operating platform than patrol vessels. A center console design with maximum deck space is optimal in a training environment to allow the instructor to have immediate access to the controls, and allows the trainees better visibility while learning to operate a vessel. The current patrol vessels full cabin design is useful for 24-hour operations providing shelter in all weather conditions. In a training environment, with a minimum of four officers onboard, a full cabin design does not allow for maximum maneuverability and visibility.

Selection criteria was narrowed to aluminum hull vessels which are more durable than fiberglass and are less expensive to maintain. After review, SAFE Boats International (27' T-Top, 27-10) and Metal Shark Aluminum Boats (28' Relentless Package) were identified as the vessels best meeting this criteria. Upon further examination, it was determined that the 28' Relentless model, manufactured by Metal Shark Aluminum Boats was found to be lighter, faster and less expensive. This vessel model also has a crew seat configuration that allows for maximum flexibility of available deck space. The GSA Unit price for the SAFE Boat is \$219,523 (amount includes a \$10,000 per boat discount) versus \$216,384 for the Metal Shark Relentless, both prices include shipping.

The bid for these vessels was placed in accordance with Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0362T, as permitted by City of Los Angeles Charter Section 371(e)(8). Gravois Aluminum Boats participates in this program and this equipment is offered to the Harbor Department at the Federal government's guaranteed lowest price. The vendor will build the vessels based on specifications contained in Formal Bid Request No. F-737. In addition to the Manufacturer's warranty, the vessels are being purchased with Honda engines to be maintained by the Harbor Department's Construction and Maintenance Division. All standard law enforcement equipment will be installed by the vendor.

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This purchase is authorized as a capital expenditure in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/12 Port Police Budget. It is eligible for reimbursement under the TSA, PSGP, Round 8 and FY 2008 State of California Proposition 1B.

An approved Affirmative Action Plan for the vendor is on file with CPD, and a copy of the approved contract will be forwarded to Contract Compliance for monitoring.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of a contract for the purchase of four training vessels for maritime training operations. The training vessels are powered by Honda gasoline four-stroke engines. Gasoline marine engines are not subject to the Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP). Bid specifications for alternative fuel vessels are not feasible due to the operations of the vessels which involve emergency response. As an administrative action, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFIT:

This Board action will have no employment impact in the five-county region.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed contract to purchase four police training vessels would require the Harbor Department to commit \$943,065 towards the payment of these vessels. These vessels have been requested to be budgeted, upon Board approval, for purchase as a capital expenditure in FY 2011/12 Port Police Budget in the amount of \$943,065, and are eligible for full reimbursement under TSA, PSGP, Round 8 and State of California Proposition 1B. Vessel operation and maintenance costs are estimated at \$15,000 annually per vessel. FY 2011/2012 funds in the amount of \$943,065, including tax and delivery are available in Capital Account 13240, Center 0412, Program 640.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has approved the proposed Contract as to form and legality.

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TRANSMITTALS:

1. Formal Bid F-737, Contract 39580
2. Bid Recap
3. Vessel Configurations

FIS Approval: ewj (initials)
CA Approval: tm (initials)


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