



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**
Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: MAY 28, 2014

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOR PARTICIPATION AS A PARTNER AGENCY IN THE AUTOMATED FIRST RESPONDER RESOURCE PROJECT

SUMMARY:

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) is seeking to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Long Beach through its Harbor Commission for the purpose of participating as a Partner Agency in an automated first responder resource project entitled Blue Force. The objective of Blue Force is to deploy an automated first responder resource system for the Los Angeles/Long Beach Port Area. The project requires the installation of Global Positioning System (GPS) transponders on designated police patrol vehicles and vessels. The transponders will be used to track by satellite the response assets of each Partner Agency and integrate it with the Port of Long Beach Joint Command & Control Center. This will enhance resource deployment capabilities and strengthen all hazard responses. These capabilities were identified as an essential element of daily operations by the United States Coast Guard Captain of the Port.

The intent of this MOA is to memorialize the understanding between the Harbor Department and the City of Long Beach with respect to each agency's role and responsibilities in the Blue Force project. The term of this Agreement shall be three years from the date of execution; and there is no additional cost to the Harbor Department other than budgeted resources for participation as a Partner Agency.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department and the City of Long Beach;
2. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute, and the Board Secretary to attest to the proposed Memorandum of Agreement; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background and Context - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Grantor), through the Fiduciary Agent for the Central California Area Maritime Security Committee, Marine Exchange of Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor, awarded a \$300,000 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) grant (Transmittal 1) to the City of Long Beach for the Blue Force project.

The objective of Blue Force is to deploy an automated first responder resource system for the Los Angeles/Long Beach Port Area in order to track the response assets of the Partner Agencies consisting of Los Angeles Port Police, Long Beach Police Department, Long Beach Harbor Patrol, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The project requires the installation of Global Positioning System (GPS) transponders on designated police patrol vehicles and vessels. The system will provide a tool to enhance daily situational awareness by the City of Long Beach and the Harbor Department within the Port Area. It will have the capability to deploy assets, such as vehicles and vessels, more effectively during routine operations and during special events, and support a multi-agency common asset operating picture.

Blue Force will be implemented by the City of Long Beach.

The MOA (Transmittal 2) will authorize the Harbor Department, as a Partner Agency, to:

- a. Submit to the City of Long Beach, in written form, a list of the vessels and/or vehicles to be included in the Blue Force, with vessel and/or vehicle identification numbers;
- b. Make available identified vehicles and vessels to the City of Long Beach to provide for installation, configuration, and testing of Blue Force equipment;
- c. Utilize the City of Long Beach Blue Force equipment to meet the goals of the project (i.e., to enhance daily situational awareness within the port area);
- d. Deploy assets more effectively during routine operations as well as large scale incidents; and support a multi-agency asset common operating picture);
- e. Make the Blue Force equipment available for routine service and maintenance and notify the City of Long Beach if the equipment is in need of repair;
- f. Identify Blue Force equipment as City of Long Beach property;
- g. Make the Blue Force equipment available for inspection and inventory by the City of Long Beach, the Marine Exchange, the Grantor, or other auditors as requested during the term of this agreement; and
- h. Ensure the Blue Force equipment is turned on and functioning when operating in the Los Angeles/Long Beach Port Area in order to make available a multi-agency asset common operational picture.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval to enter into an MOA with the City of Long Beach for participating as a Partner Agency in an automated first responder resource project. As an administrative activity, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II Section 2 (f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

This Board action will have no employment impact.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed MOA memorializes the framework with respect to the installation and deployment of an automated first responder resource system for the Los Angeles/Long Beach Port Area. The project will be implemented, operated and maintained by the City of Long Beach for the purpose of satisfying the PSPG requirements established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. There will be no additional cost to the Harbor Department beyond the budgeted resources approved in each fiscal year associated with this MOA.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

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

TRANSMITTALS:

1. U.S. Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grant Cooperative Agreement
Award No. # 2010-PU-T0-K004
2. Memorandum of Agreement

FIS Approval:  (initials)
CA Approval:  (initials)

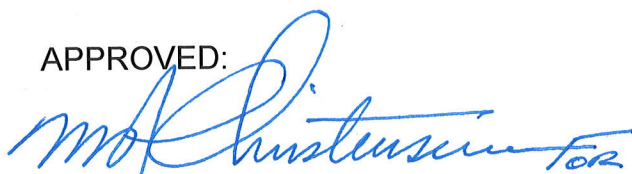


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