



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JANUARY 30, 2013

FROM: PORT POLICE

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 39653
FOR PURCHASE OF A MOBILE COMMUNICATION AND POWER
SYSTEM FOR CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS**

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of Contract No. 39653 to Nomad Global Communication Solutions, Incorporated of Columbia Falls, Montana, for the purchase of a Mobile Communication and Power System. The equipment consists of a portable satellite radio communication trailer system, which will provide on-scene communications, power, lighting and storage for public safety communications, disaster recovery and continuity of operations. It also includes towing capability and self-sufficiency (sustaining power without refueling for up to 14 days), and allows first responders to bring power, lights and critical communications (radio, video, voice and data) to an incident site without taking away from other critical operation resources.

Funds are available in the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) Port Police Division's (Port Police) current capital budget and the equipment is eligible for full reimbursement under the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 grant. The cost of the equipment is \$179,135 (including tax). The estimated annual cost to operate the system's satellite and phone services is \$6,650. After a one-year manufacturer's warranty, the Construction and Maintenance Division estimates annual operation and maintenance costs for the trailer to be \$1,500. The total estimated annual operating and maintenance cost is \$8,150 per year.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Award and approve Contract No. 39653 to Nomad Global Communication Solutions, Incorporated of Columbia Falls, Montana, for the purchase of a Mobile Communication and Power System in the amount of \$179,135, including tax and delivery;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the Contract for and on behalf of the Board; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background and Context – On August 2, 2012, the Board approved a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Los Angeles for receiving reimbursement of funds from UASI for FY 2010. UASI grants are provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security to fund the needs of large urban areas, associated with building a sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. One of the items approved for full reimbursement, subsequent to expenditure by the Harbor Department, is a portable satellite radio communications system (\$250,000) which will allow the Harbor Department to maintain critical communication in the event landline and cell phone communications fail during a major disaster. The MOA was executed by the Mayor on September 11, 2012. The award is for a three-year period ending April 30, 2013.

Effective communication and collaboration among Federal, State, and local authorities is critical during an unforeseen incident at the Port of Los Angeles (Port). In order to provide crucial disaster management and resolution capabilities, an immediate coordinated response utilizing reliable interoperable voice, data and video applications is essential. It is equally vital to have the ability to quickly deploy, mobilize and engage these communication and power services.

The proposed system provides decision makers at all levels with the ability to manage any incident with user-friendly equipment. In the event our standard cellular communication infrastructure is damaged or lost, this system can provide the necessary interoperability for not only day-to-day operations, but also emergency response. It can ensure an accurate, safe and secure cellular network for effective communication and the ability to quickly reach Port stakeholders who may be in need of emergency services.

The system provides a reliable redundant power system to support surrounding buildings, portable tents, and/or other vehicles for up to 14 days of continuous run time, with the use of a 100-gallon diesel-powered generator. The power capability is designed to stand alone and does not rely on or deplete existing surrounding resources during an incident. A mast-mounted, high-power light emitting diode (LED) scene-lighting capability ensures continuous illumination of the immediate area during periods of darkness. Exterior 110-volt outlets (Ground Fault Interrupt protected) power other external components or equipment that may be required during a critical incident and a 50-amp shore power capacity with an integrated transfer switch.

The entire system is capable of being towed by nearly any size vehicle, and is able to be made fully operational by a single operator within four to seven minutes. It is self-contained and quickly deployable for rapid response and short-term infrastructure replacement.

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Selection – Port Police submitted Requisition Z-13-019 to the Contracts and Purchasing Division on July 17, 2012 for the purchase of a Mobile Communication and Power System. Formal Bid No. F-810 was published on August 14, 2012. Bids closed on August 28, 2012, and two bids were received.

Squire Tech Solutions, LLC, in The Colony, Texas, submitted a bid which met the specifications required by the Harbor Department at a cost of \$232,908. Nomad Global Communication Solutions, Incorporated submitted a bid that offered alternative equipment at a cost of \$179,135. After review of both bids by a Port Police subject-matter expert, it was determined that both products met the bid specification, and the decision was made to award the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder – Nomad Global Communication Solutions, Incorporated.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of a contract for the purchase of a Mobile Communication and Power System to ensure continuity of security communications during a disaster. As an activity involving the addition of a safety and security device for use in conjunction with existing facilities, 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 III, Class 1 (6) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFIT:

This Board action will have no employment impact for the five-county region since the company is located outside the region.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of this proposed contract for the purchase of a Mobile Communication and Power System is reimbursable in the full amount of \$250,000 under the UASI FY 2010 grant. The equipment is budgeted in the amount of \$179,135 (including tax and delivery). The estimated annual cost to operate the system's satellite and phone services is \$6,650. After a one-year manufacturer's warranty, the Construction and Maintenance Division estimates annual operation and maintenance costs for the trailer to be \$1,500. The total estimated annual operating and maintenance cost is \$8,150 per year. FY 2013 funds in the amount of \$179,135 are available in the Port Police budget, Account 59981, Center 0412, Program 640, Work Order 08303.

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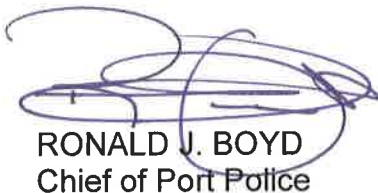
CITY ATTORNEY:

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

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Formal Bid F810, Contract 39653
2. Bid Recap

FIS Approval: JK (initials)
CA Approval: JM (initials)



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