

DATE: JULY 1, 2025

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AWARD OF BID NO. F-1244 TO NW BEND BOATS, LLC DBA NORTH RIVER BOATS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A WALK-AROUND PILOTHOUSE BOAT

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of Bid No. F-1244 with NW Bend Boats, LLC dba North River Boats (North River Boats) of Roseburg, Oregon for the purchase of a walk-around pilothouse vessel to replace vessel 273-41 for use by the Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center's basic and advanced training courses.

The contract (Contract) with North River Boats is outlined in Formal Bid Request Number F-1244. The total Contract amount is \$774,180, inclusive of estimated applicable taxes. The Contract includes the design, construction, and delivery of the 31' vessel and a trailer. The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) will be financially responsible for the payment of expenses incurred under the proposed Contract.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Award and approve Bid No. F-1244 to North River Boats for the purchase of walk-around pilothouse vessel in the amount of \$774,180, including estimated applicable taxes;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to Bid No. F-1244 for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – In 2011, the Los Angeles Port Police (Port Police) established the Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center (MLETC). The MLETC is the nation's first port-based maritime law enforcement training center and the only Peace Officer Standard of Training (POST) certified and federally recognized maritime law enforcement training center on the west coast. Courses range from basic to advanced, and cover topics such as boat handling and vessel boarding, charting, navigation rules, arrest procedures, vessel identification, and investigative searches. Courses are available to all sworn Port Police, municipal, county, and state law enforcement personnel who require maritime skill sets to perform their duties. The MLETC staff operate equipment on the waters of the Port of Los Angeles and provide a layer of security and response for the Port Complex.

Port Police is in the process of replacing the ten original MLETC training vessels. Eight (8) of these vessels are the student boats, which are operated by the instructors and the students. The other two (2) vessels are the opposing force boats, which are operated by the instructors.

MLETC Vessel Estimated Replacement Schedule:

Quantity	Year	Size	Make	Est. Replacement
2	2011	30	ZODIAC	FY 24/25
2	2011	28	Metal Shark	FY 25/26
2	2011	28	Metal Shark	FY 25/26
2	2023	29	SAFE Boat	FY 34/35
2	2025	29	SAFE Boat	FY 35/36

Replacement of MLETC training vessels is at approximately 10 years of service depending on a variety of factors, including ongoing maintenance costs, hull and equipment condition, and continued mission suitability. Guidelines were established in consultation with the Construction & Maintenance Division who provides all maintenance and repair of the vessels. These determinations are based on experience in maintaining a fleet that is used heavily in a harsh operating environment.

The walk-around pilothouse vessel will replace one of the two (2) 30-foot ZODIAC opposing force boats that has reached the end of its service life.

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The new vessel will provide a training platform designed to be operated by MLETC instructors. It will be operated to simulate a civilian boat that the MLETC students will board as part of their on-water law enforcement training. The instructors will create various challenging training scenarios during these sessions.

Selection Process – On November 21, 2024, Port Police submitted requisition, REQ2994, to the Contracts and Purchasing Division for the purchase of a walk-around pilothouse vessel.

Formal Bid No. F-1244 was sent to North River Boats with a due date of April 4, 2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of a Contract with North River Boats for the purchase of a walk-around pilothouse vessel, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed Contract authorizes the purchase of a walk-around pilothouse vessel in the amount of \$774,180 including estimated applicable taxes. Design, construction, delivery, extended warranty, technical documentation, and spare engines are included in the cost of the vessel.

Funding in the amount of \$774,180 has been budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Adopted Budget within Account 161210 (Capital Equipment Purchase), Division 52010 (Port Police).

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CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved Bid No. F-1244 as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTAL:

1. Bid No. F-1244

FIS Approval: 

CA Approval: 


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