



Executive Director's  
Report to the  
Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE:           OCTOBER 27, 2025**

**FROM:           CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE**

**SUBJECT:       RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - AWARD OF AGREEMENT TO  
                  NIELSEN BEAUMONT MARINE, INC. FOR IMPOUNDED VESSEL  
                  RELATED SERVICES**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of an Agreement with Nielsen Beaumont Marine, Inc. (Nielsen Beaumont) of San Diego, California for impounded vessel-related services. The proposed agreement will be for a one-year term with two, one-year renewal options for an estimated amount of \$120,000 annually. If the two renewal options are exercised, then a total not to exceed amount of \$360,000 will be authorized over the three-year agreement period. The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) will be financially responsible for payment of costs incurred under the proposed Agreement.

**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. Find that in accordance with the Los Angeles City Charter Section 1022, work under the subject agreement can be performed more feasibly by an independent contractor than by City employees;
3. Approve the Agreement with Nielsen Beaumont in the amount of \$120,000 for impounded vessel related services for a period of one year, with two one-year renewal options in the same amount annually for a total compensation amount not to exceed \$360,000 if the renewal options are exercised by the Executive Director or his/her designee;
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 proper handling of impounded and/or abandoned vessels on Harbor Department property. Qualifications that a vessel is abandoned and/or requires impoundment include: the failure of any owner to contact the Harbor Department, despite the posting of notices at the site; the lack of care and maintenance to the vessel; and the extended length of time the vessel has remained unattended, all without authority to be stored on Harbor Department property. Impounded vessel-related services are essential to the Harbor Department to prevent safety hazards on an as-needed basis. The services needed by the Harbor Department include but are not limited to:

- Provide one secure site, accessible by land and by water, for storage of vessels which may be impounded from time to time.
- Provide all necessary towing for impounded vessels.
- Report the discovery of any hazardous substances found on impounded vessels immediately to the Harbor Department Environmental Management Division (EMD).
- Provide for the lawful disposal of impounded, abandoned, and derelict vessels upon request of the Harbor Department.
- Provide security for vessels at storage sites or other designated locations.
- As necessary or as requested by the Harbor Department, provide pump-out services for vessels which are taking on water and may be in danger of sinking.

Insofar as there are no employee classifications in the City of Los Angeles that possess extensive experience on hazardous clean-up work, pump-out service, and stand-by availability 365 days per year, it is necessary to use a contract service to accomplish this specialized function.

Selection Process – The Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on March 20, 2025 and posted on both the Harbor Department's website and the Regional Alliance Marketplace for Procurement (RAMP). Per statistics on RAMP, the RFP was viewed by 18 companies and was downloaded by 11 companies. Only one (1) company submitted a proposal for this contracting opportunity, which was Nielsen Beaumont. Their proposal

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was deemed responsive to the RFP's administrative requirements. There was not a Small/Very Small Business Enterprise Program participation requirement for this RFP.

The services sought in this RFP can be performed by a very limited number of contractors who have specialized industry knowledge and expertise in working with impounded vessels. The Contracts and Purchasing Division (CPD) reached out to the 17 other companies that viewed the opportunity on RAMP to inquire about why they chose not to submit a proposal. Only three of the 17 companies responded, and they gave the following reasons for not participating:

- They had a minimal degree of interest as they do not perform a high number of the services required.
- They could not assess the viability and scope from a financial planning perspective.
- They lacked the expertise to perform the services.

The contractor selected to provide impounded vessel-related services should be equipped with multidisciplined experts with specific trade knowledge, technical expertise, and proper equipment and tools for the job. Furthermore, the contractor should have strict quality control measures in place and stay in compliance with all the required codes throughout the work to ensure the job is carried out safely and effectively. Nielsen Beaumont demonstrated a thorough understanding of the services required by the Harbor Department and provided many details of the operating procedures for addressing the work elements detailed in the RFP. Therefore, staff is recommending approval of the award of the proposed Agreement (Transmittal 1) to Nielsen Beaumont.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is the approval of an Agreement with Nielsen Beaumont for impounded vessel-related services, 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 action would award Nielsen Beaumont an Agreement for impounded vessel-related services at an annual estimated cost of \$120,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$360,000 over three years, if all options are exercised. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 funding in the amount of \$120,000 is available within Account 544160 (Miscellaneous Professional Services), Division 32110 (C&M - Plumbing).

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Future spending under the proposed Agreement is anticipated to occur as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2025/26	\$120,000
2026/27	\$120,000
2027/28	\$120,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$360,000</b>

Funding for future fiscal years will be requested as part of the annual budget process upon Board approval. A funding out clause is included in the proposed Agreement. If any subsequent fiscal year funds are not appropriated by the Board for the work required by the Agreement, the Agreement shall be terminated. However, such termination shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligations previously incurred.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

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

**TRANSMITTAL:**

1. Agreement between the Harbor Department and Nielsen Beaumont

FIS Approval:   
CA Approval: 



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