



**THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's  
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: MAY 19, 2026**

**FROM: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - AWARD OF BID NO. F-1280 TO UNITED RIGGERS & ERECTORS, INC. FOR RIGGING AND STRUCTURAL STEEL FABRICATION AND ERECTION SERVICES**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of Bid No. F-1280 (Contract) with United Riggers & Erectors, Inc. (URE) of Walnut, California for rigging and structural steel fabrication and erection services. The proposed Contract will be for a one-year term with two one-year renewal options and an amount not to exceed \$600,000 annually. If the two renewal options are exercised, then a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,800,000 will be authorized over the three-year Contract period. The City of Los Angeles (City) Harbor Department (Harbor Department) will be utilizing an existing national cooperative agreement for such services between the City of Los Angeles General Services Department (GSD) and URE to enter the Contract. The Harbor Department will be financially responsible for the payment of expenses incurred under the 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. Find that in accordance with the City of Los Angeles Administrative Code Division 10, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 10.15 (a)(7) and 10.15 (a)(8), the Harbor Department may enter into a cooperative agreement with URE for such services with GSD through their Contract No. C-134067 for rigging and transportation services and Contract No. C-134068 for structural steel fabrication and erection services;
3. Find that in accordance with Los Angeles City Charter Section 1022, work under the subject contract can be performed more feasibly by an independent contractor than by City employees;

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4. Approve the Contract with URE for a one-year term with two one-year renewal options in the amount of \$600,000 annually for rigging and structural steel fabrication and erection services for a total compensation amount not to exceed \$1,800,000 if the renewal options are exercised by the Executive Director or his/her designee;
5. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the Contract for and on behalf of the Board; and
6. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ .

**DISCUSSION:**

Background/Context – The Construction and Maintenance Division of the Harbor Department (C&M) is responsible for structural modifications, including the reinforcement and replacement of steel beams within parking decks and load-bearing structures. C&M is requesting approval of the proposed Contract for rigging and structural steel fabrication and erection services due to the increasing volume, complexity, and time-sensitive nature of work required across the Port of Los Angeles (Port). The proposed Contract will allow C&M to respond promptly to routine, urgent, and emergency work without delays associated with repeated procurements, which is critical given the operational tempo and the need for rapid mobilization when unforeseen structural issues occur.

While portions of the proposed work can be performed by City employees in the classification of Welder, the proposed Contract requires specialized expertise and equipment that only dedicated structural steel contractors can provide that are currently not available to City Employees. The specialized nature of marine structural steel and heavy rigging work requires contractors with experience in port environments, including compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations, marine safety standards, and Harbor Department security and operational requirements. In addition, the proposed Contract entails an in-house abatement team, which streamlines hazardous material removal and reduces the need to coordinate with multiple vendors. This capability lowers downtime, improves safety, and accelerates project completion, resulting in flexibility to various sized projects. URE is a recognized leader in the industry with extensive experience in the preservation and rehabilitation of historic structures, as well as the specialized requirements associated with this work. Therefore, it is necessary to use the best qualified vendor to provide the unique services needed.

Funding has been specifically allocated for a wide range of capital infrastructure projects. Progress of these projects continues with the deferred maintenance program and a long-term commitment to ensure that the Harbor Department's infrastructure is maintained in

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optimum condition of use. The following is a list of potential Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects that will require completion of the CEQA review process as needed and would necessitate rigging and structural steel fabrication and erection services:

- Pier 400 Roadability Canopy – APM Terminals;
- Badger Avenue Bridge Approach Span Repair;
- Warehouse 1 Tower Column Base Retrofit;
- Berth 153 Second Floor Tank Removal;
- Henry Ford Avenue and New Dock Street Storm Drain Replacement and Improvements; and
- HAB Exterior Steel Frame Repairs.

In addition, the Port will have a significant role in supporting activities related to the 2028 Olympic Games. With the establishment of this proposed Contract, C&M will be prepared to meet heightened demands to maintain the Port's operational readiness.

Selection Process – The City of Los Angeles Charter Article III, Section 371(e)(8) and Los Angeles Administrative Code Division 10, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 10.15 (a)(7) and 10.15 (a)(8) allow for "contracts for cooperative arrangement with other governmental agencies for the utilization of the purchasing contracts and professional, scientific, expert or technical services contracts of those agencies and any implementing agreements, even though the contracts and implementing agreements were not entered into through a competitive bid process."

Therefore, in accordance with the City of Los Angeles Charter and Administrative Code, C&M proposes to enter into Contract with URE (Transmittal 1) by utilizing GSD Contract No. C-134067 for rigging and transportation services, and GSD Contract No. C-134068 for structural steel fabrication and erection services.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is the approval of the Contract with URE for rigging and structural steel fabrication and erection services, which is an administrative activity. This action is limited to the administrative approval for execution of the Contract. Individual projects implemented under this Contract will be subject to separate environmental review, as necessary. 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.

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the proposed Contract would award URE a one-year Contract with two one-year renewal options for rigging and structural steel fabrication and erection services at an annual cost of up to \$600,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,800,000 over three years. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 funding in the amount of \$100,000 is available within Account 161305 (Construction in Progress), Division 00000 (Harbor Global).

Spending under the proposed Contract is anticipated as follows:

<b>Budget Source</b>	<b>Capital Improvement Program (Account 161305 – Construction in Progress)</b>
FY2025/26	\$100,000
FY2026/27	\$600,000
FY2027/28	\$600,000
FY2028/29	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</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 Contract. If any subsequent fiscal year funds are not appropriated by the Board for the work required by the Contract, the Contract 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 approved this Contract as to form and legality.

**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. Bid No. F-1280

FIS Approval: JS

CA Approval: SO



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