



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: AUGUST 5, 2025

FROM: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. 40070 WITH UNITED RIGGERS & ERECTORS, INC. FOR GANTRY CRANE REMOVAL AT LOS ANGELES WORLD CRUISE CENTER BERTH 93 PASSENGER TERMINAL

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of Contract No. 40070 with United Riggers & Erectors, Inc. (URE) of Walnut, California in order to remove two (2) rooftop gantry cranes at the Los Angeles World Cruise Center Berth 93 Passenger Terminal in the amount of \$504,728. 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 and categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) and Article III Class 1(1) and 1(11) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. 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;
3. Approve Contract No. 40070 with URE for the gantry crane removal at Berth 93 passenger terminal in the amount of \$504,728;
4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to Contract No. 40070 for and on behalf of the Board; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. _____ .

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – Two (2) decommissioned gantry cranes mounted on top of the Los Angeles World Cruise Center Passenger Terminal building at Berth 93 were originally used to lower the gantry walking platforms down to connect the building and ship for passenger access. The gantry cranes are functionally obsolete and need to be removed to eliminate water leaks into the roof substructure. The gantry cranes are built to move on steel railings which are also inoperable, and the rail attachment points are locations where roof leaks occur. There is a history of roof leak maintenance work orders where the leaks originated from the rail attachment points. C&M's deferred Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project was approved by PDC in January 2024, and the project schedule progresses in conjunction with C&M's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 CIP project at Berth 93 with the new roof completion scheduled after the crane removals. A specialty contractor with industry knowledge in structural steel erection, rigging and transporting heavy machinery shall conduct the removal of the gantry cranes. The contractor shall also stay in compliance with the City of Los Angeles Building Code (LABC) and California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) Safety Standards and follow local environmental laws.

Contract Process – C&M submitted a requisition for the removal of rooftop gantry cranes in October 2024. The Contracts & Purchasing Division (CPD) released Request for Bid (RFB) No. F-1229 on the Harbor Department website in December 2024. Bid F-1229 was advertised with several North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes to reach out to as many potential bidders as possible. Due to the specialized nature of this work, CPD staff also sent the bid opportunity directly to a list of potential vendors provided by C&M to inform them of the opportunity and the mandatory job walk. Despite the effort to increase vendor participation, the mandatory pre-bid conference and job walk held in December 2024, was attended by only one vendor, URE. URE was the only vendor to submit a responsive bid in the amount of \$504,728, by the January 2025 deadline. C&M analyzed reasons for the low bidder turnout and concluded that gantry crane removal is a specialty work which can be performed only by an experienced contractor, and this specific project has unique scheduling requirements working around the cruise terminal's year-round schedule. C&M believes that some of these reasons possibly contributed to the low bidder turnout.

URE is an industry leader and has provided exceptional services to the Harbor Department in the past and is the only responsive bidder, and therefore staff is recommending approval of the award of Contract No. 40070 to URE (Transmittal 1).

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of an Award of Contract with URE for the removal of two rooftop gantries, which is an administrative activity for exterior alterations involving minor construction where there will be negligible or no expansion of use and the removal of accessory structures. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively and categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) and Article III Class 1(1) and 1(11) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of proposed Contract No. 40070 will authorize URE to remove two (2) old gantries at the Los Angeles World Cruise Center Berth 93 Passenger Terminal in the amount of \$504,728. FY 2025/26 funding in the amount of \$504,728 is available within Account 161305 (Construction-in-Progress), Division 00000 (Harbor Global).

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CITY ATTORNEY:

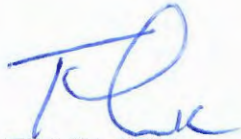
The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. C&M Contract No. 40070, Formal Bid No. F-1229

FIS Approval: JS

CA Approval: SO



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