

**DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2023**

**FROM: PORT POLICE**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 40026 TO WILLARD MARINE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO SURF PRO 33' RESCUE/PATROL VESSELS**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of Contract No. 40026 with Willard Marine, Oceanside, CA for the purchase of two (2) 33-foot Surf Pro Rescue/Patrol vessels to replace two vessels currently in use for patrol operations by the Los Angeles Port Police (Port Police).

The contract with Willard Marine is outlined in Formal Bid Request Number F-1184. The total contract amount is \$3,153,256 inclusive of applicable taxes. The contract includes the design, construction, and delivery of the rescue/patrol vessels and includes two spare transmissions and one spare engine. 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 Contract No. 40026 to Willard Marine for the purchase of the two 33' Surf Pro Rescue/Patrol vessels in the amount of \$3,153,256, including applicable taxes;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to Contract No. 40026 for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**DISCUSSION:**

Background/Context – Port Police patrols the waters of the Port of Los Angeles, securing the Maritime Transportation System while accommodating various other users of Port waters. This mission set includes around-the-clock patrol and response capabilities to marinas, critical infrastructure sites, cruise terminal passenger docks, escorts of cruise ships and other high interest vessels.

Port Police Maritime Patrol Operations deploys six (6) primary patrol boats of various sizes and capabilities, one (1) 42-foot multi-mission vessel, and personal watercraft.

The estimated replacement schedule for Port Police patrol vessels is as follows:

Quantity	Year	Size	Manufacturer	Estimated Replacement
2	2011	25'	SAFE Boats	FY 23/24
2	2014	29'	SAFE Boats	FY 25/26
2	2014	33'	SAFE Boats	FY 26/27
1	2019	42'	Metalcraft	FY 28/29

The two (2) Willard 33-foot rescue/patrol vessels will replace two (2) 25-foot SAFE Boat patrol vessels that have reached the end of service life. Replacement of patrol boats 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 Willard boats are a different type of boat from the existing patrol boat fleet and they will add additional capabilities to Port Police maritime operations. They are an open cabin T-top boat, which will enhance the Marine Unit officers' ability to interact with people on small recreational vessels. As additional dock space becomes available in the Port, it is anticipated that the number of recreational vessels operating in the Port will increase. This will result in an increased need to provide on-water assistance and conduct law enforcement actions related to recreational boaters.

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Selection Process – On September 28, 2022, Port Police submitted requisition Z-23-030 (ERP #81020) to the Contracts and Purchasing Division (CPD) for the purchase of two (2) 33-foot rescue/patrol boats.

Formal Bid No. F-1184 was advertised to bidders with a due date of September 28, 2023. Willard Marine was the only vendor to respond to the bid. Based upon the response received, staff recommends approval of Contract 40026 with Willard Marine (Transmittal 1) in the amount of \$3,153,256.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is the approval of Contract No. 40026 with Willard Marine for the purchase of two Patrol vessels to replace existing Patrol vessels currently in use by the Port Police, 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 two (2) 33-foot rescue/patrol vessels in the amount of \$3,153,256 inclusive of applicable taxes. Design, construction, delivery, installation, provisioning, extended warranty, technical documentation, and spare transmission and engine for each vessel are included in the cost of the vessels.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 funding in the amount of \$3,153,256 is available within Account 13150 (Equipment over 5K Capitalized), Center 0412, Program 000. To the extent that provision of the rescue/patrol vessels does not occur prior to the end of FY 2024, funding in the same amount will be requested to be included in the FY 2025 Budget, subject to Board approval.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

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

**TRANSMITTAL:**

1. Contract No. 40026
2. Recap of Bid #F-1184

FIS Approval: MB  
CA Approval: SO



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