



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JANUARY 14, 2020

FROM: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 39900 TO GEMINI FOREST PRODUCTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TIMBER CAMEL LOGS

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of Contract No. 39900 with Gemini Forest Products of Los Alamitos, CA for the procurement of 52 Ammoniacal Copper Zinc Arsenate (ACZA) treated timber camel logs for the protection of newly installed fender piles at the S.P. Slip, Berth 73. The cost of the camel logs is \$426,640.50, including sales and California lumber taxes. This contract is the financial responsibility of the Harbor Department.

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. Approve Contract No. 39900 with Gemini Forest Products for the purchase of 52 ACZA treated timber camel logs in the amount of \$426,640.50 and authorize said expenditures;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and Board Secretary to attest to Contract No. 39900 for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____ .

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context - The wharves at Berth 73 at the Port of Los Angeles are comprised of timber piles. Timber fender piles, which are located at the face of the wharves, protect the wharves from contact with vessels. Timber camel logs, which are placed in the water alongside the timber fender piles, serve as a buffer between vessels and wharves, and provide additional protection for the wharves by absorbing ship impacts, spreading berthing loads across several fender pilings. There are currently no camel logs in place at Berth 73 to protect the wharf structure.

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Untreated timber, as opposed to treated timber, is susceptible to damage from marine borers, organisms that can compromise the integrity of the timber camel logs within just a few years. Wood treatments like ACZA, protect the camel logs and significantly extend their life. ACZA treatment is the industry standard for piling and is in conformance with the standard set in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit that is required for work in the waters of the United States and under which the Harbor Department operates. Piles will be wrapped to reduce or eliminate potential leaching of metals. Wrapping also serves to protect and lengthen the life of the logs by adding an additional layer of protection from marine organisms.

Selection Process – The Construction & Maintenance Division submitted a requisition for the purchase of 52 camel logs in August 2019. The Contracts and Purchasing Division released Request for Bids (RFB) No. F-1058 in August 2019. It was advertised on the City of Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network (LABAVN) and the Port of Los Angeles website.

Gemini Forest Products was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$426,640.50. Staff is recommending approval by the Board of Harbor Commissioners of a contract with Gemini Forest Products for the procurement of the camel logs.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of Contract No. 39900 for the procurement of 52 ACZA treated timber camel logs, 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:

The purchase and delivery of timber camel logs will cost the Harbor Department a maximum total of \$426,640.50. Funding in Fiscal Year 2019/2020 has been budgeted in Account No. 55010 (Parts and Materials), Center No. 1002, Program No. 000 \$426,640.50.

CITY ATTORNEY:

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

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TRANSMITTALS:

1. Recap of Bid No. F-1058
2. Contract No. 39900
3. Examples of Timber Camel Logs

FIS Approval: MB

CA Approval: JM



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