



Executive Director's  
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: JULY 26, 2016**

**FROM: PORT POLICE**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 39790 FOR PURCHASE OF TACTICAL BALLISTIC VESTS**

**SUMMARY:**

Port Police requests approval of Contract No. 39790 with F.S.O.C., LLC, El Segundo, CA, a Local Business Enterprise (LBE) for the purchase of tactical ballistic vests for sworn staff as required by the current Memorandum of Understanding for the Harbor Peace Officers Unit (MOU 38). The current MOU 38, was executed on August 21, 2015, and added tactical ballistic vests as required safety equipment in response to the rise in active shooter scenarios in the law enforcement community. The purchase of these ballistic vests will ensure Port Police officers are able to respond quickly, efficiently and safely to any high-risk occurrence in the Port of Los Angeles or its surrounding communities.

The total amount of the contract, including sales tax and delivery charges is \$243,634 for 115 tactical ballistic vests. 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 proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II, Section 2(f), of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines as determined by the Director of Environmental Management;
2. Award and approve Contract No. 39790 to F.S.O.C., LLC for the purchase of tactical ballistic vests; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to Contract No. 39790 for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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**DISCUSSION:**

Background/Context – The law enforcement environment has evolved in recent years to include concerns that an active shooter might target the Port of Los Angeles' commerce or visitor operations. In response to that concern, MOU 38 (Transmittal 1) negotiated the issuance of a tactical ballistic vest for each of its members in their current agreement with the City of Los Angeles.

The selected vest will be capable of withstanding rounds fired from an automatic assault-type weapon, and will be worn by all officers as a supplement to their regular duty body armor when responding to a critical incident.

An active shooter is defined by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as "an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area." Active shooters typically use firearms, and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. Because active shooter incidents are unpredictable and evolve quickly, law enforcement may not arrive on the scene until minutes after the attack has concluded. Once on scene, officers must be prepared to quickly and safely assess the situation and mitigate further harm to victims. The proposed tactical vests will be carried by each officer as part of their duty equipment, and would be quickly put on at the scene, over their regular duty body armor.

After conducting extensive research on which tactical ballistic vest would best meet the Port Police Division needs during a critical incident in a maritime environment, it was determined that the Maritime Assault Plate Carrier System offered by F.S.O.C., LLC is the most suitable for use by our officers. The vest is constructed of lightweight, water-resistant materials, and is easily adjustable to accommodate various body sizes and equipment configurations. The system is equipped with a fully integrated flotation component, and offers full flexibility and comfort for officers, while providing enhanced safety features for operation in an environment where officers may be required to engage an assailant on land or in the water. As determined by the manufacturer's specifications and the guidelines in Article 4.10 of MOU 38, the anticipated life expectancy of these vests is five (5) years. With normal wear and tear, the Department will not need to replace this equipment until 2021.

Officers transferring into the Department from another law enforcement agency will receive the tactical vest as part of their initial equipment issue. Police Officer recruits will receive their tactical vest at the completion of their six month Academy training period, when they become members of MOU 38.

Selection Process – On April 14, 2016, Port Police submitted requisition Z-16-098 (ERP # 29881) to the Contracts and Purchasing Division (CPD) for the purchase of one hundred fifteen (115) tactical ballistic vests for the members of MOU 38. Formal Bid No. F-947 (Transmittal 2) was advertised to bidders by CPD on May 10, 2016. Two bids were submitted by the May 24, 2016 deadline, and it was determined that F.S.O.C., LLC, was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is approval of Contract No. 39790 with F.S.O.C., LLC, of El Segundo, California for the purchase of tactical ballistic vests for sworn staff as required by MOU 38. As an administrative activity, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II, Section 2(f) of the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the proposed contract for 115 tactical ballistic vests would require the Harbor Department to commit a total of \$243,634 for the purchase. Fiscal Year 2017 funds in the amount of \$243,634 were budgeted in Port Police Account 55110, Center 0412, Program 640.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

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

**TRANSMITTAL(S):**

- 1. Memorandum of Understanding for the Harbor Peace Officers Association (MOU 38)
- 2. Bid #F-947, Contract No. 39790
- 3. Bid Recap

FIS Approval: MB  
 CA Approval: [Signature]



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