



THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES
Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: MAY 29, 2025

FROM: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AWARD OF BID NO. F-1226 TO GEMINI FOREST PRODUCTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ACZA PILES

SUMMARY:

Staff requests the approval of Bid No. F-1226 (Contract) with Gemini Forest Products (Gemini) of Los Alamitos, California, for the purchase and delivery of treated Ammoniacal Copper Zinc Arsenate (ACZA) wooden piles, such as fendering piles, bearing piles, and dolphin piles. The proposed Contract shall not exceed \$689,665 annually, or a total of \$2,068,995, including sales and lumber taxes, for the duration of the three-year Contract if all options are exercised. These piles are used by the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department's (Harbor Department) Construction and Maintenance Division's (C&M) Wharf Maintenance Section to replace old timber piles when necessary. The Harbor Department will be financially responsible for the payment of costs 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 2(2) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve Bid No. F-1226 with Gemini in the amount of \$689,665 for the purchase and delivery of treated ACZA piles for a period of one year, with two one-year renewal options in the same amount annually for a total compensation amount not to exceed \$2,068,995 if the renewal options are exercised and authorized by the Executive Director or his/her designee;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to Bid No. F-1226 for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – The Harbor Department’s waterfront structures consist of both concrete and timber pilings. While most of these are concrete and maintained by the Engineering Division, approximately 18,000 timber pilings fall under the responsibility of the Construction and Maintenance (C&M) Division. Timber pilings serve either as bearing piles, which provide foundational support for the marine facilities, or as fendering piles, which are positioned along the edges to protect the infrastructure from vessel impacts. Among the timber piles across the Harbor Department, about 5,800 are fender piles, which are especially vulnerable to damage. Due to wear and natural degradation, around 300 of these need to be replaced each year. In addition, dolphin pilings are installed as offshore protective elements to absorb the force of docking ships, particularly to safeguard the Badger Avenue Bridge. The Harbor Department also utilizes multiple-pile dolphins at outer berthing areas to accommodate large container vessels.

Untreated pilings are susceptible to damage from marine borers and organisms that can compromise the integrity of the timber piling within just a few years. Wood treatments like ACZA protect the piling and significantly extend its life but can release potentially harmful constituents such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) into harbor waters. This potential hazard is mitigated effectively by wrapping piles with plastic, and it also complies with the United States of Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulation.

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 an optimum condition of use. The following is a list of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects that require ACZA wooden piles:

- Berths 57-60 Fender Pile Replacement Project
- Badger Ave Bridge Dolphin Replacement Project

Selection Process – The C&M submitted a requisition for the purchase of timber pilings in February 2025. The Contracts and Purchasing Division (CPD) released Request for Bids (RFB) No. F-1226 in February 2025. It was advertised on the Regional Alliance Market Place (RAMP) and the Port of Los Angeles website. Per statistics on RAMP, the bid was viewed by 11 unique companies and downloaded by 10 unique companies. Two (2) vendors submitted their bids by the March 26, 2025, deadline for the contract opportunity, but only Gemini met all the required specifications and is the only responsive bidder. CPD prepared a recap of the Bid No. F-1226 (Transmittal 1). Gemini has provided dependable service on their previous contracts with the Harbor Department. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the award of Bid No. F-1226 to Gemini (Transmittal 2).

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of a Contract with Gemini Forest Products to purchase and deliver ACZA wooden piles to replace old timber piles, which is an administrative activity involving the replacement of a commercial or industrial structure with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose and capacity. 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 2(2) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed Contract would authorize expenditures of up to \$689,665 per year, or a maximum of \$2,068,995 over three years if all options are exercised for the purchase and delivery of fendering piles, bearing piles, and dolphin piles.

Spending under the proposed Contract is anticipated to occur as follows:

Budget Source	Operating Budget (Account 551000 - Parts & Materials)	Capital Improvement Program (Account 161305 - Construction in Progress)	Totals
FY2025/26	\$389,665	\$300,000	\$689,665
FY2026/27	\$389,665	\$300,000	\$689,665
FY2027/28	\$389,665	\$300,000	\$689,665
Total	\$1,168,995	\$900,000	\$2,068,995

Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 funding in the amount of \$689,665 has been budgeted as follows: \$389,665 within Account 551000 (Parts and Materials), Division 3CONM (Construction & Maintenance), and \$300,000 within Account 161305 (Construction-in-Progress), Division 00000 (Harbor Global). Funding for future fiscal years will be requested as part of the annual budget process upon Board approval. 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 reviewed and approved this Agreement as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Recap of Bid No. F-1226
2. Formal Bid No. F-1226

FIS Approval: JS
CA Approval: SO



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