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RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx

RESOLUTION SELECTING AND AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MARINE GROUP BOATWORKS LLC, DBA MARINE GROUP BOATWORKS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$968,974.20 AND PARTIALLY FUNDED THROUGH THE FY24 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the San Diego Unified Port District (District) is a public corporation created by the Legislature in 1962 pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Appendix I; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) adopted BPC Policy No. 110 to establish a policy governing the processing and administration of public projects, consulting and service agreements, the purchasing of supplies, materials, and equipment, and grants; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Harbor Police Department (HPD) updated the department's modular live fire training simulator for the purpose of training its officers in marine firefighting operations; and

WHEREAS, the simulator was used extensively over the past 10 years and has significantly improved HPD's firefighting capabilities. During these training operations propane fueled fires at high temperatures were created within the simulator's burn chambers and these fires were extinguished by HPD fire boats using salt water pumped directly from the bay; and

WHEREAS, years of exposure to direct flame and saltwater has now rendered the burn chambers of the simulator functionally obsolete due to metal fatigue. This severe fatigue has rendered the simulator unusable for training for the past two years. In 2023, due to the equipment rapidly aging and breaking down, HPD determined the need to replace the current fire training simulator with a new modular training system that meets the most current technology and officer safety mandates while ensuring the highest level of training; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, HPD received a quote of \$1,100,000.00 to replace the existing fire training simulator. This quote was used to submit an FY23/24 Equipment Outlay budget; and

WHEREAS, HPD's operation of an internal training simulator has proven to be a time efficient and cost-effective method of officer training by increasing patrol flexibility and minimizing overtime that would be incurred sending officers away to other agencies; and

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WHEREAS, on September 23, 2024, HPD was awarded \$825,000 in grant funding through the Department of Homeland Security, Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 grant to supplement funding a new training simulator; and

WHEREAS, On May 1, 2025, the District issued Request for Proposals (RFP) 25-19MA "Fire/Tactical Training Simulator Including Removal of Current Simulator, Installation of New Simulator and Training." The District notified 1,192 vendors of the opportunity. One (1) bid was received. Marine Group Boatworks LLC. dba Marine Group Boatworks submitted a responsive bid at \$1,505,602.20 which included \$968,974.20 for the purchase of the simulator and \$536,628.00 for removal, installation and training pursuant to a companion service agreement. Due to material, labor, and overall cost inflation, the RFP total was \$405,602.20 more than the 2023 quote of \$1,100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Board approve a resolution selecting and authorizing a purchase agreement with Marine Group Boatworks LLC. dba Marine Group Boatworks for an amount not to exceed \$968,974.20 and partially funded through the FY24 Port Security Grant Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director and/or her designated representative to enter into a purchase agreement with Marine Group Boatworks LLC. dba Marine Group Boatworks for an amount not to exceed \$968,974.20.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
GENERAL COUNSEL

By: Assistant/Deputy General Counsel

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 9th day of December 2025, by the following vote: