

DRAFT**RESOLUTION 20xx-xxx****RESOLUTION SELECTING AND AUTHORIZING A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MARINE GROUP BOATWORKS LLC, DBA MARINE GROUP BOATWORKS FOR REMOVAL OF THE OLD SIMULATOR, INSTALLATION OF THE NEW SIMULATOR AND TRAINING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$536,628.00**

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, Board of Port Commissioners BPC Policy No. 110 establishes a policy governing the processing and administration of public projects, consulting and service agreements, the processing of supplies, materials, and equipment, and grants; and

WHEREAS, in a continuing effort to improve Harbor Police firefighting capabilities the Department decided in 2014 to update its existing modular, shipping container based, live fire training simulator that specifically addresses marine firefighting training needs. This simulator is unique to the region in that it is mounted on a vessel (a former US Navy LCM "Mike Boat" landing craft that was acquired through the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO)); and

WHEREAS, since that time, the current fire training simulator has been moored at various locations in San Diego Bay. The simulator has been used extensively over the past 10 years for new and recurrent officer training cycles. Years of direct flame exposure and saltwater corrosion have rendered several areas of the trainer out of service due to metal fatigue; and

WHEREAS, this fatigue has also now rendered the trainer unusable by HPD leading to the need to replace the current simulator with a new modular training system; and

WHEREAS, in early 2024 HPD determined the need to replace the current fire training simulator with a new modular shipping container-based training system. The new simulator will be built based on lessons learned from the previous simulator but incorporating the most current technology and officer safety mandates to ensure the highest level of training. The new simulator will meet the most stringent National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines; and

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WHEREAS, this new simulator will also be more flexible in that it will also provide a tactical law enforcement training environment in which officers can practice countering small vessel threats to the Port via water or land. The modular design of the simulator allows the Harbor Police to accomplish training in the following missions related to the maritime environment: Marine Firefighting, Maritime Tactical Interdiction, Shipboard Rescue Operations, Basic Law Enforcement Operations, Radiation / Nuclear Detection Missions and Hazardous Material Emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the simulator will be used by the Harbor Police on a routine basis to maintain proficiency in these multiple mission areas and will be available for joint inter-agency training as a regional public safety asset; 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 recurrent overtime that would be incurred sending officers away to other facilities. The initial cost of the new simulator is supported by an award of \$825,000 in grant funding through the Department of Homeland Security, Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 to the Harbor Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the performance period deadline to expend the grant funding is August 31, 2027. The balance of the cost for the simulator will be funded through the Port District/Harbor Police Department budget. Recurrent maintenance costs beyond initial manufacturer warranties will be supported through Harbor Police and General Services internal budgets; 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; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the Board select and authorize a service agreement with Marine Group Boatworks LLC. dba Marine Group Boatworks for removal of the old simulator, installation of the new simulator and training in an amount not to exceed \$536,628.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District hereby adopts a resolution authorizing the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee to enter into a Service Agreement with Marine Group Boatworks LLC. dba Marine Group Boatworks for removal of the old simulator, installation of the new simulator and training in an amount not to exceed \$536,628.00.

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: