



Executive Director's
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: April 21, 2008

FROM: Port Police

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND RISK CONTROL STRATEGIES FOR COUNTER-TERRORISM, TACTICAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING AND PLANNING, AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION WITHIN SAN PEDRO BAY

SUMMARY:

Los Angeles Port Police request Board approval of a one-year agreement with Risk Control Strategies, Westlake Village, California, to develop training plans and protocols for the protection of the Port of Los Angeles' infrastructure and commerce. This agreement will build upon the body of work developed by this contractor in a previously lapsed contract. This training model will emphasize critical infrastructure protection, vulnerability identification and response to shore-side threats. The contract will not exceed \$240,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Approve the proposed agreement for a one-year term, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$240,000, to RCS;
2. Authorize the Executive Director and the Board Secretary to execute and attest to said agreement, for and on behalf of the Board; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. _____, authorizing the proposed agreement with Risk Control Strategies (RCS);

DISCUSSION:

1. In March 2006, Port Police solicited statements of qualifications from individuals to provide counter-terrorism training and advisory services. RCS, a private firm specializing in counter-intelligence programs, with experience in the law enforcement and intelligence communities, was awarded a twelve-month contract to perform assessment, training and planning projects for Port Police.
2. The original contract lapsed, however, there continues to be critical projects that require an expertise to update existing critical infrastructure, protection planning and modifications subject to maritime security level changes.

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3. This consultant demonstrated superior performance during the previous contract period. This is evidenced by the vendor's delivery of a confidential facility protection plan designed for the Port of Los Angeles. The continuity of current and future training and tactical matters can be greatly enhanced by the expertise of this consultant. Based on their prior work and performance, we believe there is justification to select this vendor under sole source guidelines.
4. The next period of work will provide Port Police the ability to develop an internal skill set and develop an internal competency of similar capacity. RCS will continue to provide support and guidance to the Port Police with regard to counter-terrorism intelligence programs and training. In addition, RCS has its own expertise to be passed on to Port Police employees in specialized areas, such as critical infrastructure protection, vulnerability identification and response to threats posed by global terrorist activities on port personnel and property.
5. RCS has a fee schedule which incorporates an hourly consultancy fee of \$250 per hour plus various out-of-pocket expenses. The one year expenditure for this contract is not to exceed \$240,000.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Spending under this agreement will support the equivalent of one full time job in the five-county region.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is a contract between the Port of Los Angeles and RCS to provide security training for Port personnel to further ensure safe operations at the Port. As a personnel related service, 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 Los Angeles City CEQA guidelines.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this agreement in the amount of \$240,000 is available in the FY 2007/08 Operating Budget, Center 0412, Port Police Division, Program 640, Account 54290, Miscellaneous Professional Services.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The subject agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by the Office of the City Attorney.

TRANSMITTAL:

1. Agreement



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APPROVED:



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