## **RESOLUTION 2013-17**

RESOLUTION SELECTING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MACIAS GINI & O'CONNELL, LLP FOR PROFESSIONAL EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$306,264 FOR THE AUDIT OF FISCAL YEARS 2013, 2014 AND 2015 WITH TWO ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO EXTEND, WHICH MAY BE GRANTED AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE DISTRICT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$105,475 PER YEAR

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 1, (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Port Commissioners (BPC) adopted BPC Policy No. 110 establishing a procedure for the administration of contracts and the purchasing of supplies, materials, and equipment and establishing a policy governing the processing and administration of contracts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to BPC Policy No. 110, service and consulting agreements in excess of \$125,000 shall be authorized by the BPC, after solicitation of written responses through publication or electronic notification and interviews; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2012, staff advised the Audit Advisory Committee (Committee) that the District's current agreement with external auditor Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.(MHM) expires on April 30, 2013 and the Committee concluded that it would be advantageous to the District to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for annual external auditing services; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2012, the District staff issued RFP 12-32 for annual external auditing services; and

WHEREAS, seven (7) submittals were received with three (3) firms invited for interviews: Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP (MGO), MHM, and White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP (WNDE); and

WHEREAS, an evaluation panel comprised of the District's finance, procurement and audit staff conducted interviews with each of the three firms and following the interviews the panel ranked the firms according to the criteria established in the RFP including experience of proposed staff, approach to the project, capability to perform, cost/pricing, the firm's relevant experience; and

WHEREAS, District staff recommends that the BPC select and authorize an agreement with Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP for professional external auditing services for an amount not to exceed \$306,264 for the audit of fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015 with two one-year options to extend, which may be granted at the sole discretion of the District for an amount not to exceed \$105,475 per year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, as follows:

That the Executive Director or his designated representative is hereby authorized on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District to select and enter into an agreement with Macias Gini & O'Connell, LLP for professional external auditing services for an amount not to exceed \$306,264 for the audit of fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015 with two one-year options to extend, which may be granted at the sole discretion of the San Diego Unified Port District for an amount not to exceed \$105,475 per year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 12th day of February, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Malcolm, Moore, Nelson, Smith, Valderrama

NAYS: None. EXCUSED: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Ann Y. Moore, Chair

**Board of Port Commissioners** 

ATTEST:

Timothy A. Deuel District Clerk

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