

RESOLUTION 2014-59

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ENTER INTO EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH HISTORIC TOURS OF AMERICA / OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF SAN DIEGO, INC. TO LEASE THE NORTH EMBARCADERO VISIONARY PLAN PHASE 1 INFORMATION CENTER

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 (Port Act); and

WHEREAS, Section 87(b) of the Port Act grants authority to the District to lease the tidelands or submerged lands, or parts thereof, for limited periods, not exceeding 66 years, for purposes consistent with the trusts upon which those lands are held, by the State of California; and

WHEREAS, North Embarcadero Visionary Plan is a multi-phased public improvement project to enhance San Diego's North Embarcadero with over 1.2 miles of linear park which features an Information Center; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2013, the Board of Port Commissioners authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a tenant for the Information Center; and

WHEREAS, the RFP was issued on November 25, 2013 through the District's electronic vender website and both existing District tenants and prospective tenants expressing interest in doing business with the District were notified of the opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the District received three proposals by the RFP due date and all three proposals included a \$500 good-faith deposit and were deemed responsive; and

WHEREAS, a cross-departmental evaluation committee was formed to conduct interviews and to evaluate the three proposals on the following criteria stated in the RFP: 1) experience of proposed staff; 2) approach to the project; 3) capability to perform; 4) financial information and revenues and expenses; and 5) firm's relevant experience; and

WHEREAS, after evaluating the respondents, staff recommends the BPC authorize staff to negotiate exclusively with Historic Tours of America / Old Town

Trolley Tours of San Diego, Inc. (OTT) and to encourage, but not require, OTT to partner with the volunteer program of the San Diego Tourism Authority.

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 enter into Exclusive Negotiations with Historic Tours of America / Old Town Trolley Tours of San Diego, Inc. (OTT) to lease the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan Phase 1 Information Center and additionally, as part of the Exclusive Negotiations, that the Executive Director or his designated representative may encourage, but not require, OTT to partner with the volunteer program of the San Diego Tourism Authority.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
PORT ATTORNEY



By: ~~Assistant~~/Deputy

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Port Commissioners of the San Diego Unified Port District, this 15th day of April, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Bonelli, Castellanos, Merrifield, Moore, Nelson, and Valderrama

NAYS: None.

EXCUSED: Malcolm

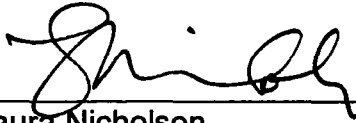
ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Robert E. Nelson, Chairman
Board of Port Commissioners

ATTEST:



Laura Nicholson
Deputy District Clerk

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