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Port Commission Briefed on Construction Plans for the International Terminal Renovation Project

NEWPORT – The Port Commission was briefed on the progress of the International Terminal Renovation project at its monthly meeting Tuesday, July 27, 2010.

Senior project manager Frank Berg of DAY CPM Services advised the Commission that the Natt McDougall Company (NMC), the project's construction manager / general contractor (CM/GC), has submitted two Contract Amendments. Amendment No. 1 includes the materials, design, and a contingency for the sheet pile containment walls, or coffer dam around the Pasley. Mr. Berg noted a portion of the sheet piling will also be used in Phase 2 for work to stabilize the bow of the Hennebique. NMC's Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Amendment No. 1 is \$ 2,022,311.60.

Contract Amendment No. 2 provides the labor, materials and a contingency for the installation of the some of the site utilities including 875 feet of 8" water main service to the two new Port office and warehouse buildings as well as commencement of demolition work of the Pasley and Hennebique. NMC's GMP for Contract Amendment No. 2 is \$190,111.13.

Mr. Berg explained NMC's contract will be amended with each Contract Amendment thus allowing the Port to maintain tight budgetary controls throughout the entire Project. The Port Commission will be similarly briefed on each of the Contract Amendments prior to their execution and inclusion into the NMC CM/GC Contract. Port of Newport General Manager Don Mann said he has reviewed the bid tabulations for Contract Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 and is pleased with the results. He recommended the Commission approve the contract amendments as presented. The Commission approved both contract amendments following the update. Upland work from these Amendments is expected to commence next month and the in-water work is scheduled to begin November 1, 2010 once the Joint Permit Application (JPA) has been approved.

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NMC's Contract Amendment No. 3 is expected at the August 24TH Port Commission meeting and to include mobilization, demolition work of the Port's existing warehouse and offices over the Hennebique, construction of the concrete strong back, a concrete restraint beam for the sheet pile wall to be installed on the north, land side of the Pasley, and the required bonds and insurance for the entire project.

The JPA, submitted to the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) and to the US Army Corps of Engineers last month, has been deemed complete by each agency. The public can review and comment on the document at the following websites: DSL until August 1, 2010 at <http://www.statelandsonline.com> or US Army Corps of Engineers until August 15, 2010 at <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/op/g/public.asp?op=PN>. The Port has also applied for the project's building permit. The Newport Building Department has advised that they could have the building permit ready within the next couple of weeks from when it is requested, Berg said.

Don Mann noted the entire project is underfunded by approximately \$8 million and the Port is working with DCI Objectives, a professional fundraising consultant, to develop a strategy to assist in securing the funding needed for the project's second and third phases.

In a related briefing, Mandy Putney of EnviroIssues provided the Port Commission with an update of the informational Open House held last Tuesday evening at the Yaquina Yacht Club. Ms. Putney said the event provided detailed information and dialog about the project's design, budget, schedule and construction to approximately 75 persons who attended. Members of the Port's consulting and construction firms including DAY CPM Services, KPFF Consulting Engineers, Pacific Habitat Services and Natt McDougall Company were on hand to describe project specifics and answer questions from the attendees.

In anticipation of increased public interest, project information has recently been updated on the Port's web site (www.portofnewport.com) which now includes a Frequently Asked Questions page as well as an online comment form. Additional details about the JPA will be posted as they are finalized.

For more information about the project, contact General Manager Don Mann at the Port of Newport, 541-265-7758, or visit the Port's Web site at www.portofnewport.com. Comments can be submitted at anytime by emailing terminalproject@portofnewport.com.

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