

ITEM A

Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Volkert, Inc., at a Cost Not to Exceed \$270,000 to Study Replacement and Cost Reduction Options Related to the Almonaster Avenue Bridge over the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal. (Mr. Evett)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

CONTRACT TITLE: Almonaster Bridge Study

PROPOSED CONSULTANT: Volkert, Inc.

SUBCONSULTANTS: Gulf Coast Engineering, LLC, Huval & Associates, Inc., Eustis Engineering Services, LLC.

SCOPE OF WORK: To study the replacement and cost reduction options related to the Almonaster Avenue Bridge over the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC)

FUNDING SOURCE: Board's Capital Improvement Program

CONTRACT AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$270,000

CONTRACT TIME: Two Years

SELECTION PROCESS: Division Directive No. 9 with waiver of evaluation procedures

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the President and CEO to enter into a professional services contract with Volkert, Inc., to study replacement and cost reduction options related to the Almonaster Avenue Bridge over the IHNC.

DBE/SBE PARTICIPATION: None

PROJECT MANAGER: Tony Evett

RESOLUTION

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS that its President and Chief Executive Officer Brandy D. Christian be, and she is, hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of this Board to enter into a professional services contract for a term of two years with Volkert, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$270,000 to study replacement and cost reduction options related to the Almonaster Avenue Bridge over the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD that the said Brandy D. Christian be, and she is, hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of this Board to execute all documents and to take all further action as she in her discretion may deem necessary or required in the best interests of this Board to give full force and effect to the intentions expressed in this resolution.

ITEM B

Consider Approval of a Resolution Adopting *Port NOLA FORWARD: A Strategic Master Plan to Exceed the Needs of Tomorrow (May 2018)* as the Strategic Master Plan and Vision for Future Development for the Port of New Orleans. (Ms. Pellegrin)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board recognized the need to capitalize on its strategic location on the Mississippi River and multimodal competitive advantages with infrastructure investments to deliver seamless logistics solutions for the Port Gateway, fully harnessing all assets and contributing to the maritime and hospitality industries with a visionary, yet actionable growth plan that can accommodate evolving market conditions for the next ten to twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the Board began the process with rigorous economic analysis and forecasting, facility and infrastructure capacity analysis, and market studies in all business lines, along with container and breakbulk terminal capacity modeling; and

WHEREAS, the Board engaged a wide range of stakeholders throughout the process, involving representation from within its jurisdiction, region, the State of Louisiana and beyond, including key members of the maritime, logistics, and hospitality industries along with elected officials, economic development, community and civic leaders, and the general public for broad input and participation in the process of sustaining and growing the Port of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognized an opportunity to think more cohesively about the supply chain as a whole and to consider regional freight-based economic development as a framework for growth for the cargo, rail, and real estate businesses, while integrating its ocean-going and riverine cruises more fully with the hospitality industry for the economic benefit of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Board incorporated stakeholder input to shape a bold vision to exceed customers' and market needs and develop an adaptable menu of strategies to optimize existing assets and extend our reach across all business lines that it memorialized in writing and published in draft form for public review and comment on the Board's website on April 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board has also conducted numerous briefings with port employees, industry, government officials, and the public on the contents of the draft findings, thus ensuring transparency and inviting continued engagement with the Port and the strategic planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Board envisions a bold future for the Port of New Orleans and desires to drive regional freight-based economic development with its public and private partners,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS that this Board hereby adopts *Port NOLA FORWARD: A Strategic Master Plan to Exceed the Needs of Tomorrow (May 2018)* as the master plan and vision for future development for the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD that its President and Chief Executive Officer Brandy D. Christian be, and she is, hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of this Board to take all such actions as necessary in her discretion to give full force and effect to the intentions expressed in this resolution.

ITEM C

Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to Enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ports America Group, Inc., to Enhance Container Crane Capability at the Napoleon Avenue Container Terminal. (Mr. Landry)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Cooperative Endeavor

Agreement (CEA) Parties: Ports America Group, Inc. and the Board

Board Obligation: Potential payment to Ports America Group, Inc., of an amount not-to-exceed \$3 million

Effective Date: on Board action

Purpose & Terms of CEA:

- Ports America Louisiana LLC's (Ports America) is a subsidiary of Ports America Group, Inc., and the Board's tenant. Ports America's business is growing, and the carriers calling at its terminal are bringing in larger vessels. Ports America's primary berth is serviced by the Board's smaller 50-foot gauge container cranes which on occasion have inadequate outreach and lifting capacity for many of the ships calling at the facility. Ports America and the Board are actively pursuing the quickest means possible for placing 100-foot cranes on the berth in order to find a solution to this commercial concern.
- In an effort to partner and share the risk with the Board, Ports America has begun preliminary work to determine the changes required to Board facilities to accommodate the larger cranes with the intention of possibly completing all necessary design work.
- Acquiring larger cranes and making the necessary facility changes are part of an ongoing negotiation between the Board and Ports America for a long-term concession and consolidation of Ports America's leases.
- Should a concession agreement not be reached between the Board and Ports America, this CEA will provide that the Board will purchase the design work from Ports America for an amount up to \$3 million.

RESOLUTION

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS that its President and Chief Executive Officer Brandy D. Christian be, and she is, hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of this Board to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Ports America Group, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$3 million to enhance container crane capability at the Napoleon Avenue Container Terminal; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD that the said Brandy D. Christian be, and she is, hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of this Board to execute all documents and to take all further action as she in her discretion may deem necessary or required in the best interests of this Board to give full force and effect to the intentions expressed in this resolution.