




The Port of
LONG BEACH

Memorandum

For Information Only

Date: November 2, 2009

To: Board of Harbor Commissioners

From: Eric C. Shen, Director of Transportation Planning 

Subject: **Update on Zero Emissions Container Mover System (ZECMS) Request for Concepts and Solutions**

The submission deadline for the ZECMS Request for Concepts and Solutions (RFCS) was October 23, 2009. The following eleven responses were delivered to the Port of Long Beach (Port):

- American Maglev Technology of Florida (AMT), Inc.
- Automated Terminal Systems, Inc.
- Bombardier
- Excalibur Ventures
- Flight Rail Corp.
- Freight Shuttle Partners
- High-Speed Transportation, Inc.
- Innovative Transportation Systems Corporation
- Magna Force, Inc.
- Tetra Tech, Inc.
- Tubular Rail Inc.

Three responses, namely, Automated Terminal Systems, High-Speed Transportation, and Tubular Rail clearly stated they declined to respond at this time. Excalibur Ventures expressed interest in investing in a ZECMS system in the future without submitting a complete Concept Document. With the support of the City Attorney's Office, staff is reviewing the remaining seven responses for conformity to the required format. This process is expected to be complete by early November 2009.

To ensure that sensitive information contained in each concept document is properly protected during the review process, a confidentiality agreement between the Port of Long Beach, Port of Los Angeles, and Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) is in process.

The Port transmitted a draft contract to the USC Keston Institute on September 21, 2009. The contract is still being reviewed by USC general counsel and its contracting department. It is anticipated that contract issues will be resolved by the end of November 2009.

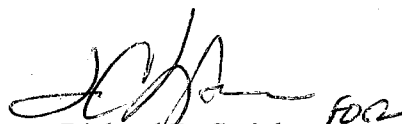
With USC Keston's contract and the confidentiality agreement signed in November, staff estimates that the concept document evaluation could be completed in February 2010. Based on review of the concepts submitted, ACTA could then move to the next step in the process and issue a "request for proposals" for the design, construction, finance, operation and maintenance (DBFOM) of the system.

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