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PORT OF LOS ANGELES AWARDS CONTRACT TO DESIGN JOINT CONTAINER INSPECTION FACILITY

*\$3.8 Million Design Budget is offset by \$2.5 Million
Homeland Security Grant*



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – URS Corporation has been awarded the contract to design the Port of Los Angeles/Port of Long Beach Joint Container Inspection Facility (JCIF) last night by the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners. The project is being partially funded by a Department of Homeland Security grant of \$2.5 million, which was accepted by the Harbor Commission in a separate action yesterday. The remaining \$1.3 million for design will be paid for by the Port of Los Angeles.

“This is an important project for the entire port complex, and we are pleased to be able to keep it progressing forward to the design phase,” said Geraldine Knatz, Port of Los Angeles Executive Director. “By locating the inspection facility within the Port, we keep suspect containers from being moved on streets and freeways through communities -- a good thing for everyone involved.”

The new inspection facility will be located on the site of the former United States Customs Building on Terminal Island at the Port of Los Angeles. The building will be owned by the Port, but will be utilized by a diverse group of law enforcement agencies, including the United States Customs and Border Protection Agency, for inspection of special, high-risk and randomly selected cargo containers. Currently, these inspections are being performed at facilities inland.

The total cost of the project, including construction, is estimated at \$73.8 to \$90.8 million. Grants have been awarded for the initial feasibility study and for design in a total amount of \$4 million. The Port of Los Angeles will seek additional grants and funding to assist with the completion of the project.

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Joint Container Inspection Facility

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The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates 259,000 regional jobs and \$8.4 billion in annual wages and tax revenues. The Port of Los Angeles also places a high priority on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supported department of the City of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles - A cleaner port. A brighter future.

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