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(SAN PEDRO, Calif.) – The Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners approved a landmark Project Labor Agreement (PLA) to manage the second phase of construction on Pier 400. The Pier 400 PLA represents the first time in Port history that a Project Labor Agreement has been utilized.

The PLA is a pre-employment contract between the Port, prime contractor, subcontractors and related labor unions that stipulates wages and work rules for all trades involved in Phase II of the Pier 400 project. The agreement precludes lockouts and strikes, requires unionized labor and calls for orderly settlement of any disputes or grievances.

“The Port of Los Angeles continues to set the standard for construction practices and efficiencies,” commented Nick Tonsich, Harbor Commission President. “While the Port has consistently maintained good relationships with contractors and labor, we are moving to the next level by implementing a PLA.”

“The PLA provides for recruitment and placement of workers who are Los Angeles residents, which is a real plus for the community,” said Larry Keller, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles.

PLAs are commonly used for federal, state and municipal construction projects and are currently in place with the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and Los Angeles World Airports.

The second phase of development of Pier 400 is scheduled to begin in January 2003, and includes additions to the container wharf and backlands.

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