

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of an enclosed lifeboat for the Maritime Technology and Training Center from Alexander/Ryan Marine & Safety LLC.

BACKGROUND

The maritime program requires an updated lifeboat to comply with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) which regulates the training of seafarers on commercial vessels. The current lifeboat standards for certifying mariners in the Proficiency in Survival Craft courses are being phased out and replaced with specifications requiring the use of fully enclosed lifeboats. Fully enclosed lifeboats provide a safe environment against inclement weather and cold and rough waves, which can cause open lifeboats to capsize.

Invitation for bids number 20-35 was issued to procure an enclosed lifeboat. One response was received and evaluated by a team comprised of representatives from the maritime program who determined the bid submitted by Alexander/Ryan Marine & Safety LLC was responsive to the College's requirements.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

The purchase of a fully enclosed lifeboat to replace the current open lifeboat is essential to ensure the maritime program remains in compliance with United States Coast Guard (USCG) and STCW changes to mariner required lifeboat training. A new enclosed lifeboat will allow the maritime program to continue training entry level and incumbent mariners in USCG and STCW approved Proficiency in Survival Craft and Proficiency in Survival Craft Refresher courses.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The expenditure for this request will be approximately \$117,900 and will be funded from the 2015 Bond Program.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

This purchase will be monitored and managed by capital projects personnel.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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