

## **Assistant Director Report, November 14, 2024**

### **Legislative Report:**

#### **SB 295 Dodd/Grayson:**

SB 295 passed both houses of the legislature and was signed into law by the Governor on September 28, 2024, the bill takes effect January 1, 2025. The bill authorized changes to Harbors and Navigation Code (HNC) §1159.1 and expanded the authority of the Board of Pilot Commissioners (Board) to expend funds from the Board's Special Fund for pilot boats.

#### **AB 1296 Dodd/Grayson**

AB 1296 passed both houses of the legislature but was vetoed by the Governor on September 29, 2024. This bill should it have passed would have prohibited a state regulation from requiring or compelling licensed pilots, to replace certain pilot boats until a pilot boat reaches the end of its useful service life.

### **Contracts Report:**

#### **California State University Maritime Academy – Trainee Selection Exam Services (Contract # TDB)**

Resulting from discussion during the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Pilot Trainee Training Selection Exam (Committee), it was agreed an interagency contract between the California Maritime Academy (CMA) and the Board shall only incorporate the use of CMA's simulator and facilities for 2026 Pilot Trainee Training Exam. Board staff at the request of the Committee reached out to CMA to determine if the proposed integration of CMA and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo could delay the ability of the Board and CMA entering into an agreement. CMA responded they do not foresee the pending integration affecting procurement including procurement timelines. Board staff shall proceed with developing an interagency agreement by early 2025, securing dates in 2026 for use of the CMA facilities.

### **Trainee Selection Exam Services (Contract # TBD)**

Board staff have begun the development of a scope of work and related documents towards the solicitation of services for the development of the 2026 Pilot Trainee Training Program Exam, including a virtual written exam, as well as the simulator and oral portions of the exam. Board staff expect to complete a draft SOW by 12/1/2024 and provide a draft Request for Proposal to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for review by December 31, 2024, with the intended start date of an agreement in July 2025.

### **California Department of Human Resources – Trainee Selection Exam Services (Contract # TBD)**

Board staff shall develop a scope of work and budget for Pilot Trainee Training Program Exam related services from the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). The scope of services involved are to-be-determined but will be related to the validation of the job analysis to be performed in support of exam development, and validation of the written, simulator and oral portions of the exam.

### **State Controller's Office –Audit Services – Surcharges (Contract # 23M900009)**

The agreement between the Board and State Controller's Office (SCO) has been finalized and approved by all parties.

### **State Controller's Office – Pilot Boat Program Audit**

BOPC staff continue to work with SCO staff to develop a scope of work for a new Inter-Agency agreement between the Board and the SCO in support of the Pilot Boat Program Audit. Board staff anticipate development of the new Inter-Agency Agreement to be completed by early 2025.

### **Pilot and Pilot Trainee Fitness Assessment w/UCSF (Contract # 21M900004)**

A one-year agreement between the Board and UCSF with a term date of 7/1/2024 -6/30/2025 has been finalized and approved by all parties.

### **Pilot and Pilot Trainee Fitness Assessment w/UCSF (Contract # TBD)**

Development of a three-year agreement with a term date of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028, is in process. Board staff have scheduled a meeting with UCSF staff on 11/19/2024 to discuss the scope of work and budget. Board staff expect to submit the agreement for review by the CHP in January 2025.

**IT Support Services, California Department of Transportation – Amendment  
(Contract # 23M900000-1):**

The agreement between the Board and Caltrans is for IT support services related to the IT Modernization project. All parties have approved an amendment to the agreement, which extends the term of the agreement to 6/30/26 and increases the budget by \$54,419.00.

**Budget Act of 2024 – State Operations Reductions:**

The Budget Act of 2024 called for reductions in state operations costs by 7.95%. Starting in Fiscal Year 2024-25 and ongoing, agencies and departments' state operations budgets are to be reduced by 7.95 percent. Board staff submitted information to the Department of Finance August 21, 2024, requesting an exemption from the reduction. To-date Board staff have not received a response from DOF