



News Release

Harbor Commission Selects Search Firm

Port of Long Beach seeks candidates for Executive Director

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The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners today approved a contract with Baltimore-based Boyden Global Executive Search to find candidates for the job of Executive Director, who oversees the day-to-day operations, modernization projects and long-range strategic planning of the Port of Long Beach.

Al Moro, formerly the Harbor Department's Chief Harbor Engineer, has served as the Acting Executive Director since July 2013, when J. Christopher Lytle departed for a position in Oakland.

The Harbor Department's Executive Director represents the Port to a variety of national and international constituencies in the maritime industry, as well as to elected and appointed officials. The Executive Director works closely with and under the direction of the Board of Harbor Commissioners to put forward proposed policies, rules, ordinances, or measures for the Port.

The Harbor Commission selected Boyden in a special meeting on Feb. 11. Today, the Board in a second special meeting approved a contract in an amount not to exceed \$127,000 for executive recruitment services.

The Commission will work with the firm to set the schedule for candidates to be considered by the Board.

The Port of Long Beach is one of the world's premier seaports, a leading gateway for trans-Pacific trade and a trailblazer in innovative goods movement, safety and environmental stewardship. The Port handles trade valued at \$155 billion annually, supporting 1.4 million jobs in the United States. The Port of Long Beach has been named the Best Seaport in North America in 16 of the past 18 years by its customers in Asia. The Port is moving forward with \$4 billion in capital projects this decade including

terminal, railroad, roadway and bridge improvements to support trade and jobs growth.

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