



Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project

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Desmond Bridge 'Notice of Intent' Posted Replacement project moves into final contract negotiations

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The Port of Long Beach has posted its notice of intent to award a design-build contract to replace the Gerald Desmond Bridge, as authorized recently by the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

On May 14 the Board authorized staff to issue a notice of intent to contract with the joint venture team of Shimmick Construction Company Inc., FCC Construction S.A. and Impregilo S.p.A. (SFI), who qualified as the "best value" proposer by earning the highest technical score from the multi-agency Project Selection Committee and also submitting the lowest price proposal of \$649.5 million.

Port staff will now work with SFI to finalize the design-build contract. A Board decision on the final contract is expected in early July. Final design will start soon after the contract is signed, and construction kickoff is expected in early 2013.

The total cost of the overall bridge replacement project is estimated at about \$1 billion, including site preparation, demolition and other considerations.

[For the Notice of Intent, click here.](#)

For more information, go to www.newgdbridge.com.

The bridge replacement -- designed to ease traffic congestion and improve navigational safety -- is being jointly procured by the Port and the California Department of Transportation. The Port, Caltrans, Metro and the U.S. Department of Transportation are all contributing funds to the project.

The Gerald Desmond Bridge is a vital link in the nation's trade system and a major commuter corridor. But the bridge, built in the 1960s, was not designed to handle today's traffic volumes and is deteriorating. The replacement project will ensure the safety of commuters and truck drivers and protect Southern California's important role as a major trading hub. Construction of the new bridge is expected to take about four

years and generate, on average, 4,000 jobs per year.

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