



# Report to the BOARD OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS

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### Meeting Date

3/13/2025

Needs Council Approval:  Y

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Finance	2/19/2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> NA	JS
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Procurement	2/20/2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> Cond	AF
Guest Experience	2/11/2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	TB
Strategic Planning	2/13/2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	BNZ

## SUBJECT

Request to adopt the following report and approve the Third Amendment to Service Authority 4700002146 with Curatorial, Inc., extending the term by 12 months and increasing not-to-exceed amount by \$150,000, for a contract total of \$450,000, for on-call art handling services for Los Angeles World Airports.

## DISCUSSION

### 1. Purpose

The proposed term extension and authority increase will allow Curatorial, Inc. (Curatorial) to continue providing services, such as installation, removal, packing, storing, and transportation of artwork in the Central Terminal Area (CTA) at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

### 2. Prior Related Actions/History of Board Actions

- **May 24, 2022 – Service Authority 4700002146 Curatorial, Inc.**

One-year Service Authority contract with Curatorial, Inc. (Curatorial) authorized, in a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$150,000 for art handling services.

- **April 11, 2023 – Resolution 27704**

The Board of Airport Commissioners (Board) approved First Amendments to two on-call art handling services contracts with Cinnabar California, Inc. (Cinnabar) and Curatorial,

extending the terms by 12 months, for a total of two years, and increasing the contract amounts.

- **March 21, 2024 – Resolution 27923**

The Board approved Second Amendments to the individual Service Authorities with Cinnabar and with Curatorial, extending the term by 12 months with no increase to the contract values.

### **3. Background**

Since 2002, the LAX Art Program has presented art exhibitions and installations throughout the CTA, utilizing on-call art handling service contracts to support the Art Exhibition Program. The LAX Art Program currently is responsible for programming more than 30 exhibition locations in the CTA, with several more to come as part of the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to modernize, renovate, and/or expand its terminals.

In addition, inaugural art installations for Terminals 4 and 5, and the Terminal 4.5 and Terminal 5.5 Cores, are in various stages of preparation and installation. The proposed Third Amendment allows staff to retain the art handling firm to remove the current exhibitions and install the next round of exhibitions, continue working on in-progress installations at newly renovated sites, as well as providing various other services related to the general operations and maintenance of LAWA's art exhibitions.

### **4. Current Action/Rationale**

The proposed amendment will ensure the rotating exhibitions program remains operational. The requested services encompass current sites and future program expansion; provide trained art handlers able to work after-hours; provide specialized art shippers and storage; and offer support for installations requiring art fabrication and heavy equipment operations in new circulation and atrium sites.

Curatorial is a local Small Business Enterprise company with 19 base employees, and their performance on LAWA projects has been excellent in providing fine art support services.

Cinnabar, while mentioned alongside Curatorial above, is no longer in business and has discontinued its art handling services.

### **5. Fiscal Impact**

Approval of the proposed action includes a request to increase the contracts' not-to-exceed amount by \$150,000, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$450,000.

### **6. Alternatives Considered**

- ***Take No Action***

If LAWA takes no action, the LAX Art Program will lose access to professional art handling firms for art installations and exhibitions that are in progress or are slated to begin. The LAX Art Program is not staffed with art preparators trained with the diverse and in-depth expertise needed to perform these professional art handling services, nor is

the program equipped with the infrastructure, tools, and supplies to provide art storage, packing, and shipping services. Los Angeles World Airports will not be able to timely install, remove, pack, transport, and/or return artwork that is on loan to LAWA from the artists. Consequently, LAWA's existing artist agreements and artwork loan agreements would be negatively impacted.

## **APPROPRIATIONS**

No appropriation of funds is required for this action.

## **STANDARD PROVISIONS**

The Board is hereby requested to adopt staff's determination that this item, as a continuing administrative, maintenance and personnel-related activity, is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements pursuant to Article II, Section 2.f of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

The Board is hereby further requested to authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute said Third Amendment to Service Authority 4700002146 with Curatorial, Inc. subject to approval by the Los Angeles City Council and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Actions taken on this item by the Board of Airport Commissioners will become final pursuant to the provisions of Los Angeles City Charter Section 373.