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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services
Manager of Materials Management

SUBJECT: Award of Tender PS06079 - The Supply and Delivery of two (2) Step Van Chassis and Bodies with Aerial Platforms

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendations B, C and D, Council authorize the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Manager of Materials Management to accept the low bid meeting specifications and providing best value from Commercial Body Builders for two (2) 2007 model year Freightliner MT-45 Chassis with custom step van bodies and Terex T292 aerial platforms, at a cost of \$388,048, plus the Provincial Sales Tax, the Goods and Services Tax (less any Municipal rebate received) and the Provincial Environment Levy.
- B. THAT, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement Recommendation A.
- C. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of Engineering Services, Manager of Materials Management and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of Recommendation A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.
- E. THAT, funding for the purchase described in Recommendation A be provided from the Truck and Equipment Plant Account.

COUNCIL POLICYThe policy of Council is to award contracts for the purchase of equipment, supplies and services that will give the best value, based on quality, service and price.

Contracts with a value over \$300,000 are referred to Council.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for the above were opened on August 30, 2006 and referred to the General Manager of Engineering Services and the Manager of Materials Management for report.

The 6% Goods and Services Tax (less any municipal rebate received), Provincial Sales Tax and the Provincial Environmental Levy are in addition to all the prices shown in the report.

The tender called for pricing on two (2) step van chassis and bodies with aerial platforms (step vans). In addition to notifying incumbent suppliers to the City and other well known vendors, the tender was advertised in the Vancouver Sun and on the City's and BC Purchasing Commission's website.

The step vans are replacing existing units used by the Traffic & Electrical Operations Branch. These vans are specialized step vans that are used throughout the City for installation and maintenance of the City's growing fibre optic network.

Two (2) bids were received with pricing including options of \$385,576 and \$388,048.

Three (3) options were required for the step vans in addition to the base requirements. The platforms were selected with optional walk-in doors to facilitate workers entering and exiting the platform without injury. A continuous rotation feature was also recommended to allow workers to work in tight spaces around the City. Platform covers are recommended to keep water out of the platform when not in use. It is important to keep the platform free of water, as the water can be a conductor of electricity when the electrical workers work around low or high voltage equipment.

Bid 1 did not meet the base specification for the truss bridge pedestal mounting system. This requirement is important because it maximizes the interior space of the step van body. Bid 1 provided a post-type steel tubing structure that interfered with cab egress and limited cab space availability and therefore did not meet specifications.

Bid 2 from Commercial Body Builders meets base specifications, is acceptable and recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The existing units were scheduled for replacement in the 2003 Equipment Replacement Program. Funds for the purchase of these units are provided from the Truck and Equipment Plant Account.

CONCLUSION

We recommend acceptance of Bid 2, the only bid meeting specifications and offering best value, from Commercial Body Builders for two (2) 2007 model year Freightliner MT- 45 Chassis with step van bodies and Terex T292 aerial platforms at a total cost of \$388,048 (\$48,349 for each Freightliner MT- 45 Chassis, \$101,686 for each step van body, \$42,250 for each Terex T292 aerial platform, plus \$318 for each walk-in platform, plus \$1,329 each for continuous rotation functionality, plus \$92 for each platform cover).

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