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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Director of Facilities Design and Management in consultation with Director of Legal Services

SUBJECT: Award Code Consultant Contract for Vancouver Police Department Force Options Training Centre

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendations B, C and D, Council approve the award of a contract for certified professional code consulting services for the Vancouver Police Department Force Options Training Centre to LMDG Building Code Consultants Ltd. (LMDG), for a value of \$40,000 (plus applicable GST); and THAT Council authorize the Director of Facilities Design & Management to amend the value of the contract, through change orders if and when required, up to the maximum contract value of \$50,000. The cost of this contract has been included in the 2007 Work Stoppage Analysis as an offset to the overall savings.
- B. THAT, the Director of Legal Services be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City all legal documents required to implement Recommendations A and B.
- C. THAT, all such legal documents be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Director of Facilities Design and Management and the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT, no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of Recommendations A and B, above until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT

The General Manager of Corporate Services RECOMMENDS approval of the foregoing recommendations.

COUNCIL POLICY

Council approval is required for the award of any consulting contract with a value over \$30,000.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award a contract to LMDG Building Code Consultants Ltd. for certified professional code consulting services for the VPD Force Options Training Centre, and also to seek authorization for the Director of Facilities Design & Management to execute change orders amending this contract, as required to complete the work, up to the maximum authorized value.

BACKGROUND

In March 2006, Vancouver City Council approved the appointment of DGBK Architects as prime consultants for the VPD Forensic Storage and Force Options Training Facility, and authorized DGBK to retain structural, mechanical, electrical, civil and landscape consultants.

In April 2007 Council authorized the Director of Facilities Design & Management, with DGBK as prime consultant, to complete the design and construction of the VPD Force Options Training Facility at a cost estimated at \$26.0 million, to be funded from the 2005 Capital Budget and from debenture authority approved by the electorate as part of the 2006 - 2008 Capital Plan borrowing authorities for public safety facilities.

On July 10 2007, the project was submitted for Development Permit approval. The ensuing City labour dispute delayed processing of the application to the extent that prior-to conditions have not yet been received, and Building Permit Application has thus in turn been delayed. The Certified Professional process is the most time-efficient method of Building Permit procurement and would allow Facilities to tender the project on schedule and avoid escalation costs associated with a delay.

LMDG Building Code Consultants Ltd. was originally retained by DGBK Architects under their Prime Consulting agreement to provide basic services, and have a ready familiarity with the design and the design-specific code compliance strategies. As such, given the time constraints, Facilities Design & Management requested a proposal from LMDG for the additional services involved in the certified professional process.

DISCUSSION

The requirement for certified professional code consulting services is a direct result of the permit processing delays caused by last year's labour dispute, and as such could not have been anticipated when consultants were originally appointed to the project.

Approval to award this contract from funding previously approved will improve the ability of Facilities Design and Management to deliver the completed facility on time and on budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The pre-tender cost estimate shows the Vancouver Police Department Force Options Training Centre project to be on budget.

The additional costs for LMDG's additional consulting services, at a maximum cost of \$50,000, has been included in the 2007 Work Stoppage Analysis as an offset to the overall savings.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The current project schedule is as follows:

Tender	February 2008
Construction Start	April 2008
Complete Construction	mid 2009

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