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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Director, Facilities Design and Management in consultation with Director, Civic Theatres

SUBJECT: The Orpheum - Audience Chamber Seating Replacement - Award of Contract

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT, subject to the conditions set out in Recommendations B, C and D, the City be authorized to enter into a contract with Centaur Products Inc. ("Centaur") for The Orpheum - Audience Chamber Seating Replacement for a sum of \$1,522,275 (plus applicable taxes), with funding to be provided by the Cultural Precinct - Orpheum Restoration and Refurbishment Capital Budget;
- 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 Business Planning and Services and the Director of Legal Services; and
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created or arise by Council's adoption of Recommendations A, B and C above unless and until such legal documents are executed and delivered by the Director of Legal Services.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Managers of Business Planning and Services and Community Services RECOMMEND approval of the foregoing.

COUNCIL POLICY

- Council approval is required for the award of any construction contract with a value over \$300,000.
- Contracts are to be awarded on the basis of best value for the City.

PURPOSE

The Director of Facilities Design and Management and the Director of Civic Theatres are requesting approval of the award of a supply and installation contract for The Orpheum - Audience Chamber Seating Replacement.

BACKGROUND

The Orpheum will host many events in the coming year as part of VANOC's Cultural Olympiad. Council approved funding in 2006 for redevelopment of the Cultural Precinct, including \$5.5 million for restoration and refurbishment of the Orpheum Theatre. In 2008, the carpet and the brass handrails were replaced at the Orpheum and the existing lobby furniture was refurbished. The Audience Chamber Seating Replacement is one component of a larger project know as "The Orpheum Revitalization Project 2009", which will include the replacement of existing seating, washroom and lighting upgrades, and the addition of sound and light locks at the entrance to the Audience Chamber. Undertaking this Project in the summer of 2009 is crucial to maintaining the critical path of the overall Orpheum Redevelopment schedule and completing the work in time for the 2010 Olympics. The Orpheum Revitalization Project 2009 has been carefully planned and scheduled during dark periods from the start of July to the middle of September in 2009.

The existing seating has been in place at the Orpheum since the 1940's, and has reached the end of its life. In 2006 an effort was made to refurbish a section of the seats in the Dress Circle, and it was demonstrated that the mechanical parts were beyond repair. Due to manufacturing lead times, the seating is being tendered prior to the construction award, and the resulting contract will be assigned to the General Contractor at a future date.

DISCUSSION

From an open invitation to seating suppliers to submit requests for prequalification, three suppliers were prequalified to submit tenders for the Project. Of the three prequalified firms, one firm undertook to submit a completed tender.

Following a formal tender process, one tender was received on February 26, 2009 and opened in public. The materially compliant bid is summarized as follows:

Bidder	Tender Price (exclusive of GST)
Centaur Products Inc.	\$1,522,275

Staff recommend that the contract be awarded to Centaur Products Inc., the only compliant bidder, in the amount of \$1,522,275 (plus applicable taxes).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for this Project is to be provided from the Cultural Precinct - Orpheum Restoration and Refurbishment Capital Budget.

CONCLUSION

Following an open call for prequalification and a public tender process, one compliant bid was received and following analysis, the Director of Facilities Design and Management and the Director of Civic Theatres recommend that the City be authorized to enter into a contract with Centaur Products Inc., the sole compliant bidder, for The Orpheum - Audience Chamber Seating Replacement work at a cost of \$1,522,275 (plus applicable taxes).

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