



REPORT

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TO: Standing Committee on City Finance and Services

FROM: General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management and Chief Procurement Officer

SUBJECT: Environmental Consulting Services

RECOMMENDATION

A. THAT Council authorize City staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the City's General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Procurement Officer and enter into contracts, for providing environmental assessment and remediation consulting services with:

- SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.
- SNC Lavalin
- Pottinger Gaherty Environmental Consultants Ltd.
- Active Earth Engineering Ltd.
- AECOM Canada Ltd.
- Core 6 Environmental Ltd.
- Arcadis Canada Inc.
- Thurber Engineering Ltd.
- Keystone Environmental Ltd.

for a term of three (3) years, with an estimated contract value of \$2,650,000, plus applicable taxes over the initial three year term, to be funded through Annual Capital Expenditure Budget, the Multi-Year Capital Budget and the Operating Budget subject to Council approval.

B. THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer and General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the contract contemplated by Recommendation A.

- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of Recommendations A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in these Recommendations.

REPORT SUMMARY

The City requires the assistance of environmental consultants to complete environmental assessment and remediation services to support City projects and services including affordable housing development, Parks development, engineering servicing (City streets, laneways, utilities), community centres, and other City-led development projects.

These services include contaminated site investigations; completion of environmental risk and liability estimates; remediation planning and site remediation works; completion of environmental and human health risk assessments; preparation of Provincial ministry of environment regulatory submissions; spill response for land-based spills, and other environmental services, as required.

The City issued a Request for Applications (RFA) PS#20211325 on November 19, 2021 for Environmental Assessment and Remediation services. The RFA was advertised on City of Vancouver website and BC Bid, and the work was called in accordance with the terms and condition of the City's Procurement Policy ADMIN-008. In total twenty (20) firms responded to the RFA and submitted applications.

City staff on the RFA evaluation committee and, subsequently, Bid Committee have considered the responses received, and on that basis recommend that the City negotiate and if such negotiations are successful enter into contracts as described above with nine pre-qualified vendors.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The City's Procurement Policy ADMIN-008 requires that contracts with values over \$2 million must be approved by Council following review and recommendations by the Bid Committee. The Bid Committee has considered and recommended nine (9) vendors as the successful applicants.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

REPORT

Background/Context

The City's Department of Real Estate and Facilities Management requires Environmental Assessment and Remediation consulting services.

The City has a recurring need to engage environmental consultants to complete environmental assessment and remediation services to support City projects and services including affordable housing development, parks development, engineering servicing (City streets, laneways, utilities), community centres, and other City-led development projects.

The services include contaminated site investigations; completion of environmental risk and liability estimates; remediation planning and site remediation works; completion of environmental and human health risk assessments; preparation of Provincial ministry of environment regulatory submissions; spill response for land-based spills, and other environmental services, as required.

The purpose of the RFA was to identify suppliers with demonstrated capability to meet the City's estimated demand over the term of the contract at competitive pricing and satisfactory service requirements.

With this RFA, the City will reduce administrative overhead to conduct unique repetitive procurement events by identifying pre-qualified vendors with demonstrated capability to meet the City's technical and service requirements over the term of the contract at competitive pricing. The standard professional services agreements will also improve the processes to engage suppliers, enabling a more efficient way to conduct our business.

Strategic Analysis

The RFA was issued in the accordance with City's Procurement Policy ADMIN-008. The City received twenty (20) responses from:

- SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.
- SNC Lavalin
- Pottinger Gaherty Environmental Consultants Ltd.
- Active Earth Engineering Ltd.
- AECOM Canada Ltd.
- Core 6 Environmental Ltd.
- Arcadis Canada Inc.
- Thurber Engineering Ltd.
- Keystone Environmental Ltd.
- Legacy Environmental Ltd.
- Stantec Consulting Ltd.
- Hemmera Envirochem Inc.
- Worley Canada Services Ltd., operating as Advisian
- Dillon Consulting Ltd.
- Tetra Tech Canada Inc.
- McElhanney Ltd.
- GHD Ltd
- Envirochem Services Inc.
- EXP Services Inc.
- 10718874 Canada Corp. dba Moorland Technologies

The responses were evaluated through the work of an evaluation team comprised of representatives from Real Estate and Facilities Management under the stewardship of Supply Chain Management to ascertain if the responses offered good overall value to the City. Both quantitative and qualitative factors were evaluated.

Some of the Criteria considered in the overall evaluation process included:

- Successful demonstration of standing in industry and relevance of skill sets;

- The extent to which the proposed team members qualifications and experience levels match up with the City's requirements;
- The proposed team's qualifications and experience levels match with the City's requirements;
- Provision of any innovative or alternate approaches to the work that would provide benefit to the City;
- Social and environmental sustainability practices; and
- Financial evaluation of submitted rate structure.

Based on the overall evaluation, the team concluded that the applications submitted by the following nine vendors, best met the City's requirements and provided best overall value to the City:

- SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.
- SNC Lavalin
- Pottinger Gaherty Environmental Consultants Ltd.
- Active Earth Engineering Ltd.
- AECOM Canada Ltd.
- Core 6 Environmental Ltd.
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Financial

Finance has reviewed the cost of the service and concurs that the historical spend is approximately \$2,650,000 over a 3 year term. The 2022 and beyond expenditures for these contracts are subject to Council approval of the Annual Capital Expenditure Budget, the Multi-Year Capital Budget and the Operating Budget.

The executed contracts are not exclusive and do not commit the City to any level of minimum spend. Each project will be individually funded and subject to established approval control procedures.

Legal

The City's Procurement Policy requires that all contracts that have been awarded by Bid Committee and Council will be signed by the Director of Legal Services.

CONCLUSION

In summary, City staff recommends that the City of Vancouver negotiate and enter into a three (3) year contract , with nine pre-qualified vendors for Environmental Assessment and Remediation consulting services.

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