

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OCTOBER 22, 2001

TENDER AWARD – T01- 119 HYDRANT MAINTENANCE AND PAINTING VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Development Services and Public Works, in consultation with the Executive Director of City Engineering and Public Works, the Director of Public Works, and the Director of Purchasing, recommends:

1. That Tender T01-119 be awarded to A-1 Hydrant Services Ltd. at a contract value of \$110,745.00; and,
2. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Purpose

As part of the 2001 Operating Budget, funds were included for hydrant maintenance and painting at various locations in the City. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award Tender T01-119, the Hydrant Maintenance and Painting Various Locations contract.

Background - Analysis and Options

Hydrant maintenance and painting is a regular activity carried out annually. The passing of time and exposure to the elements requires that hydrants be checked for operation, nozzle ports greased to insure that caps can be removed easily in an emergency and painted to prevent corrosion and easy identification.

The tender was advertised in the Daily Commercial News and on the Electronic Tendering Network (ETN). Tenders closed on September 24, 2001, and a total of (4) bids were submitted.

The tender was in two parts being Item 1. Hydrant Maintenance and Item 2. Hydrant Painting. The bidder was permitted to bid for one or both parts. Below are the results of the bids including G.S.T.:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Bid Item 1</u>	<u>Total Bid Item 2</u>
A-1 Hydrant Services Ltd.	\$ 43,335.00	\$ 67,410.00
FTD Construction Inc.	\$178,155.00	\$ 67,410.00
Direct Underground Inc.	\$312,975.00	\$182,007.00
Northern Painters	NO BID	\$122,012.10

The tender called for the maintenance and painting of 1500 hydrants annually over three years with a contract expiry date of December 31, 2003. Identical bids were received for Item 2 submitted by the lowest and second lowest bidders. A-1 Hydrant Services Ltd. being the lowest overall bidder is recommended for both parts for ease of supervision and coordination.

Staff have checked the bids for mathematical errors, and have contacted references.

Conclusion

Funding for this activity was approved in the 2001 Operating Budget. Based on the prices submitted, it is recommended that both Items 1 and 2 of Tender Q01-119 for hydrant maintenance and painting be awarded to A-1 Hydrant Services Ltd.

Attachments

None

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