

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 8, 2005

TENDER AWARD – T05-036 CATCH BASIN CLEANING

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering & Public Works, in consultation with the Director of Purchasing Services, recommends:

1. That Tender T05-036 be awarded to Flow-Kleen Technology Ltd. at an estimated contract value of \$362,088.00 over three years (\$120,696.00 per year) including GST;
2. That staff be permitted to perform additional catch basin cleaning to the 2005 approved budget amount of \$157,300; and
3. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Economic Impact

The approved 2005 Operating Budget provides \$157,300 for the Public Works Department to perform catch basin cleaning. The approved funding amount for catch basin cleaning in 2006, and beyond, will need to increase in order to match the growth of the infrastructure.

Purpose

To award Tender T05-036 for catch basin cleaning.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan requires cleaning services for its catch basins as part of its annual maintenance program. The objective of catch basin cleaning is to remove the sand and grit from the sump that is washed in from the road and debris that restricts the flow of water through the catch basins to restore the catch basin to full capacity. This also helps reduce the sediment loading on the storm water management ponds and streams that receive water from the catch basins. The contract includes the catch basin cleaning, hauling of material collected during the process and disposal at a site approved by the Ministry of Environment. In addition to cleaning, the contract includes an inspection and report of any catch basin deficiency for future repairs to be completed by Public Works staff.

The 2005 Operating Budget contains \$157,300 for the purpose of catch basin cleaning. Based on previous prices, staff had anticipated we could service only 8,000 units out of our estimated inventory of 15,000 units. At the per unit bid price submitted by Flow-Kleen, more than 10,000 catch basins can be cleaned and inspected this year, which would allow the City to have the catch basins located at the bottom of inclines serviced every year as they tend to collect material more rapidly and lose their conveyance ability if serviced only every two years. This measure would help protect our environment, to the benefit of City residents.

The tender was advertised on the Electronic Tendering Network (ETN), the Vaughan Citizen and OPBA and closed on April 18, 2005. A total of five documents were issued by the Purchasing Department, with a total of three bids submitted.

The following are the results of the tender opening:

BID RESULTS FOR T05-036 CATCH BASIN CLEANING			
Bid Rating	Contractor	3 Year Total Before G.S.T.	3 Year Total Including G.S.T.
1.	Flow-Kleen Technology Ltd.	\$338,400.00	\$362,088.00*
2.	Almon Equipment Ltd.	\$427,887.85	\$457,840.00
3.	American Water Services	\$700,800.00	\$749,856.00

*Corrected bid

The contract is for a three year period with a one year optional extension period based on the City of Vaughan's satisfaction with the contractor's performance and the approval of funding.

Staff have checked the bids for mathematical errors and corrected the miscalculated tax amount Flow-Kleen had submitted in their bid. Flow-Kleen has performed catch basin cleaning for the City of Vaughan for the last three years to staff's satisfaction. As such, it would be appropriate to award contract T05-036 to Flow-Kleen Technology Ltd.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council, specifically Vaughan Vision A-3 "Safeguard Our Environment".

Conclusion

Contract T05-036 Catch Basin Cleaning will provide for effective and efficient delivery of service to the City of Vaughan's storm sewer infrastructure and ensure City wide protection of the environment.

Based on prices submitted and the positive reputation of the company, it is recommended that Tender T05-036 for Catch Basin Cleaning be awarded to Flow-Kleen Technology Ltd, and that staff be permitted to spend up to the approved budget amount (\$157,300.00) in order to clean as many catch basin locations as possible.

Attachments

N/A

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