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EXTENSION OF CONTRACT – T00-116 PART A: SEWER FLUSHING – SANITARY & STORM

Recommendation

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

The existing contract for the provision of sewer flushing – sanitary & storm services be extended to December 31st, 2003, with no increase to the existing unit prices.

Purpose

To seek authorization to extend the existing sewer flushing – sanitary & storm contract until December 31st 2003.

Background - Analysis and Options

In the Spring of 2000, Public Works tendered Sewer Flushing and Spills Response services as Part "A" and Part "B" respectively in one contract. After the tender closed, a concern arose with the type of equipment specified in Part "B" Spills Response. As a result, Part "A" Sewer Flushing was awarded separately to the lowest bidder Triple A Industrial in September 2000. Part "B" Spills Response was cancelled. In the Fall of 2000 the Spills Response service was tendered separately and awarded to the lowest bidder Franklin Industrial Services Inc. in January 2001.

It is the intent of Public Works to bring these two services back into one contract. As such, staff in consultation with the Director of Purchasing discussed the extension of the Sewer Flushing contract to coincide with the expiry date of the Spills Response contract. On the proviso that the unit prices were to remain the same, and that the Sewer Flushing – sanitary & storm services would be tied into the Spills Response contract scheduled for early 2004, the Director of Purchasing indicated that he had no objections to the concept of seeking such an extension.

The contractor, Triple A Industrial, was contacted and has committed in writing to maintain the previous unit prices for the year 2003. All other terms and conditions of the contract remain the same. He has also indicated that he has the necessary equipment available to perform this work.

With the granting of this extension, both Sewer Flushing – sanitary & storm services and Spills Response services can be tendered together early next year, and the combined tender may bring about lower overall contract costs and increased efficiencies.

Conclusion

Combining all Sewer Flushing and Spills Response services into one contract may result in lower overall prices for the City. Authorizing the extension of the Sewer Flushing – sanitary & storm contract will assure no price increase until January 2004.

Attachments

N/A

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