



Exhibition Place

Item No. 5

August 21, 2014

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

ACTION REQUIRED

From: Dianne Young
Chief Executive Officer

Subject: **2014 Capital Works Program – Tender Report**
Paging System Retrofit in Coliseum Complex
Contract No. 14-096-49615-3, Tender Call No. 232-2014

Summary:

This report recommends approving a contract with Barrie Communications Equipment Limited for the replacement of a Paging System Retrofit in Coliseum Complex with all necessary equipment and work as required. The tender call for this contract was issued on July 4, 2014 through the City of Toronto, Finance Department, Purchasing and Material Management Division (PMMD) and the recommendation is to award the contract to the lowest acceptable tender within the available budget.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board award Contract No. 14-096-49615-3 to Barrie Communications Equipment Limited of Mississauga, Ontario for the replacement of a Paging System Retrofit in the Coliseum Complex in the amount of \$345,228.00, which includes a contingency of \$15,000.00 but excludes HST; this being the lowest acceptable tender received following the public tendering of the contract through the City of Toronto Purchasing Department.

Financial Impact:

The Paging System Retrofit in Coliseum Complex is a sub project under the main project of Pan Am Infrastructure program of \$1,500,000.00 approved by the Board and City Council and the costing for the engineering and construction is within the main budget.

Decision History:

The Exhibition Place 2014 – 2016 Strategic Plan had a Safety & Security Goal *to coordinate a security and public safety program* and as a Strategy to support this Goal *we will develop and implement the next phase of the Accessibility Plan for the grounds.*

At its meeting July 5, 2013, the Board approved of the 2014 Capital Works Program along with the additional funding for this PanAm 2015 Budget, which was adopted and approved by City Council at its meeting of January 29 and 30, 2014.

Issue Background:

The existing building paging system in Halls F (East Annex), G (Industry Building) and H (North Extension) in the Coliseum Complex is a system currently integrated with the Fire Enunciation System. It was installed over 25 years ago and is now past its rated life. The paging system is used to communicate with patrons and public for both show and life safety events (emergencies, storm warnings etc.) as well in the event of power failures, lighting failures etc. Presently this system is tied into the fire enunciation system, where failure of the paging system components can directly affect the operation of the fire alarm system. Once the proposed paging system is completed, it will be separated from the fire alarm system to reduce adverse effects, false alarms and issues such as loss of relay on the paging system. The new system could also be utilized for show and events as a communication route for patrons.

Comments:

The tender for this contract was issued on July 4, 2014 through the PMMD and Fatima Scagnol, Corporate Secretary, supervised the tender opening on August 13, 2014 and Nine (9) bidders attended the mandatory site tour meeting and two (2) official tenders were received. Their price submissions, excluding HST, are noted in the following table:

Tenderer	Tender Price Received	Comment/ Recommended Contract Price
Barrie Communications Equipment Limited	\$345,228.00	\$345,228.00
Aatel Communications Inc.	\$460,242.13	\$460,242.13

The construction budget for this sub project (construction costs and engineering fees) is set at \$350,000.00 under the main account #14-096 of PanAm 2015 Infrastructure. The submission of the lowest tender by Barrie Communications Equipment Limited of \$345,228.00 which contains a contingency of \$15,000.00 is therefore within budget.

The scope of work in this project includes the followings: supply and install new PA system in Coliseum Complex; connect the new PA system to the existing fire alarm public address control systems for Direct Energy Centre Hall A, B, C (3 halls) & D; install speakers, cabling, and front end paging system components; provide interlock with the building fire alarm system for muting the PA system; provide testing, commissioning and training as well as contract close-out documents including as-built drawings and operations/ maintenance manual.

Barrie Communications an electrical contractor founded in 1968 and principally engaged in the Sound Contracting business. The firm became a limited liability company in 1970. In 1978 the company moved from Barrie to Mississauga, Ontario to service its growing customer base in the Toronto area and has expanded its business from Sound System Contracting to providing complete design build Communication Systems. Barrie Communications had completed multiple PA projects within the City of Toronto and GO Transit in Simcoe Country as well as six (6) PA system related projects for various Catholic Schools in Scarborough in 2013.

This recommendation is contingent upon approval by the Office of the Deputy City Manager and CFO of the Surety Company proposed by the successful bidder for the supply of the bonding requirements and is also subject to the Fair Wage Office confirming that the recommended contractor and its subcontractors maintain wage rates and working conditions in accordance with Toronto Workers' Rights requirements.

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