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To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Dianne Young
General Manager & CEO

Subject: **TENDER FOR AUTOMOTIVE BUILDING**
Replace Existing Commercial Power-Fed Bus Duct
Contract No. 04-0049-44907

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board award Contract No. 04-0049-44907 to Ozz Infrastructure Solutions Incorporated of Concord, Ontario in the total amount of \$246,3133.00, this being the lowest acceptable tender received.

Background:

The Board approved a budget of \$275,000 last year as part of the 2004 Capital Works Program for replacement of the commercial power-fed bus duct.

Discussion:

The lifeline of an exhibit hall is an electrical system. It distributes the electricity to meet the specific needs of any show tenants. At the heart of a flexible delivery system is the bus duct, designed for speedy reconfiguration from one show layout to the next. The current unit, dating to the original 1929 construction of the building (75 +years), has been deteriorated, eroded and obsolete for sometime. Parts needed to meet the escalating show electricity demand and replacement parts are either not available or have been purchased from used equipment dealers. With diminishing replacement parts available, this is no longer economical or feasible to maintain the existing bus duct system.

The scope of work includes the removal and replacement of the entire existing bus duct system at the ceiling level including fused switch plugs, copper bars, insulation, main and individual housings; all this equipment shall be reconnected to the existing panels and services below. The equipment will match the equipment in the NTC to allow maximum flexibility in show configuration and set up schedules.

The tender for this contract was issued on March 24, 2004 and on April 14, 2004, Paul Egli, Director of Finance, supervised the tender opening of this Capital Project four (4) tenders were received. These price submissions, excluding GST, are as follows:

Tenderer	Submitted Tender Price		Recommended Contract Amt.
	Center and South	North	Center & South
OZZ Infrastructure Solution Inc.	\$246,313.00	\$101,835.00	\$246,213.00
Comstock Canada Ltd.	\$250,746.00	\$101,956.00	
CTAS Inc.	\$348,566.00	\$153,786.00	
Black & McDonald	*\$319,549.00	\$161,228.00	

*Corrected price due to mistake in addition from original price of \$ 321,077

The low bidder, OZZ Infrastructure Solutions Inc. incorporated in 1994, has good experience in electrical installations and has completed many large size electrical installations. References from other project owners & consultants responded positively that work was satisfactory done. Its recent contracts include Senator O'Connor College School, York University Tennis Stadium, Bishop Strachan School and Carpenter Union Administration & Training Facility with all projects in the range of \$1.5 million to \$2.2 million.

The budget for this work under the main project of Automotive Building, Account No. 0049 (construction costs, engineering fees, project management and administration costs) is \$275,000.

The construction budget component was originally estimated at \$248,000. During the design stage, it was determined that the estimated budget price is insufficient to complete the entire system, therefore the tender price breakdown in the tender documents was identified & prioritized into three sections: the center section, south section and the north section. Based on the above submissions only the center and south sections can be completed under this project budget in 2004. It is the intention of staff to re-budget the remaining north section with the work to be done in 2005.

This recommendation is contingent upon approval of the Toronto Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer for the Surety Company which will supply the bonding requirements and the Fair Wage Office to confirm that the recommended contractor and its subcontractors maintain wage rates and working conditions in accordance with Toronto Workers' Rights requirements. The Treasurer has previously certified, at the time of project approval, that financing can be provided under the updated Debt and Financial Obligation Limit and that it falls within corporate debt guidelines.

Conclusion:

This report recommends that the Board award Contract No. 04-0049-44907 to Ozz Infrastructure Solution Inc. in the amount of \$246,313.00 for the partial replacement of the commercial power-fed bus duct in the Automotive Building.

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