

July 19, 2004

To:

The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From:

Dianne Young

General Manager & CEO

Subject:

Tender for Queen Elizabeth Building

**Replace Exterior Windows at Dining Room** 

Contract No. 04-0048-44805

# Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Board award Contract No. 04-0048-44805 to Alwind Industries Limited of Concord, Ontario in the total amount of \$155,825.00, this being the lowest tender received.

## Background:

The Board approved a budget of \$235,000 last year as part of the 2004 Capital Works Program for the replacement of the Exterior Windows at the Dining Room in the Queen Elizabeth Building.

### Discussion:

All windows in the Queen Elizabeth Building Dining Room are single pane and subject to high heat loss in the winter and heat gain in the summer. The glazing, which is 45 years old, has been deteriorating along with the chalking despite the on-going maintenance effort. The scope of this project will be to improve the quality of the window system by replacing the existing single panes with new tinted double glazed thermopane windows to match the existing style, as well as increasing the energy efficiency of the Dining Room. There are a total of two types and eight windows to be replaced in this contract.

The tender for this contract was issued on June 14, and on July 5, Paul Egli, Director of Finance, supervised the tender opening of this Capital Project. Seven (7) contractors were pre-qualified for this work and one (1) tender was received. The tender price submissions, excluding GST, are as follows:

Tenderer	Submitted Tender Price	Recommended Contract Amt.
Alwind Industries Limited	155,825.00	155,825.00



The budget for this work under the main project of Queen Elizabeth Building, account no. #0048 (construction costs, engineering fees, project management and administration costs) is \$235,000.00. Contained in this figure is \$200,000.00 for this window replacement work. The recommended tender at \$155,825.00, which includes \$15,000.00 contingency fee is therefore, within budget.

The sole bidder Alwind Industries Ltd., was incorporated in 1985. Alwind is not only a manufacturer of commercial quality windows, but also an installer of its own windows. It has successfully completed several institutional and historical buildings' window replacement projects such as the Grand River Hospital (Kitchener), the University of Windsor, for the National Research Council, and for the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, among numerous others. Alwind Industries Ltd. Was also awarded and successfully completed three window replacement contracts last year for the Board, which included the Coliseum North Extension, The Horse Place and the Queen Elizabeth Executive Offices.

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. 04-0048-44805 to Alwind Industries Ltd. in the amount of \$155,825.00 for this replacement of the exterior windows at the Dining Room in the Queen Elizabeth Building.

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