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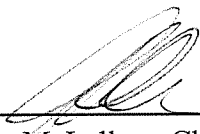


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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**June 15, 2004**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** June 07, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Sole Source Purchase of Bomb Suits, Helmets and Accessories.

**ORIGIN**

Approved 2003/04 Capital Budget. Additional bomb suits, helmets and accessories for the CBRN response unit involves a sole source vendor, which necessitates Council approval.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Regional Council authorize the purchase of additional bomb suits, helmets and accessories from the equipment manufacturer, Med-Eng Systems Inc. at a cost of \$53,022.60 plus net HST for a total project cost of \$54,840.75 with funding from Capital Account No. CEK00338, Bio-Hazard Equipment, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

## BACKGROUND

The Halifax Regional Municipality requested a quotation from Med-Eng Systems Inc. for additional Bomb Suits, helmets and accessories for the Halifax Regional Police Service.

The total cost of the equipment is as follows:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid (Net HST Included)</u>
Med-Eng Systems Inc.	\$54,840.75

## DISCUSSION

The Halifax Regional Police Service, in conjunction with the Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service, is requesting Council approval to purchase the necessary equipment for a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) response. Many CBRN incidents utilize an explosive device as a means to accelerate contamination. This equipment will allow Halifax Regional Police to provide the upmost in response to a CBRN incident which involves an explosive device while offering the CBRN team and responding Explosive Device Unit (EDU) members the maximum in protection and detection available. The equipment supplied by Med-Eng Systems Inc. is compatible with existing HRP bio-hazard equipment. Delivery is scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

**This equipment is being purchased under the "sole source purchase section 7.8.1" of the Procurement Policy which states:**

*"Where the compatibility of a purchase with existing equipment, facilities or service is a paramount consideration and the purchase must be made from a single source."*

## BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

**Budget Summary:**                      Account CEK00338 - Bio-Hazard Equipment.

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$238,849.66
Less: Quotation # Q04C288	\$ 54,840.75
	\$184,008.91

The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

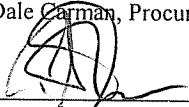
There is no recommended alternative.

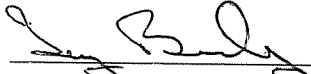
ATTACHMENTS

None

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