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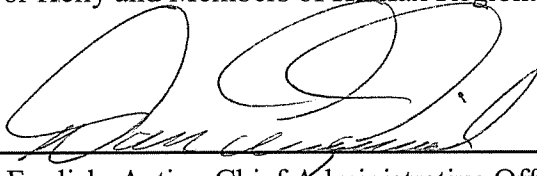


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Halifax Regional Council
May 13, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 5, 2003

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 03-045, Materials Testing & Inspection 2003

ORIGIN

Approved 2003/ 2004 Capital Budget

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council award Tender No. 03-045, Materials Testing & Inspection 2003 to Jacques, Whitford Materials Ltd. based on the unit prices quoted for an estimated cost of \$166,523 plus net HST for a Total Project Cost of \$177,229 with funding provided as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Implementation of projects under the Capital Budget requires that various tests and inspections be carried out to confirm compliance with relevant specifications. Because of the technical nature and specialized equipment required to carry out these works, outside agencies must be contracted.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on March 22, 2003 and closed on Tuesday, April 1, 2003. The following bids were received (exclusive of HST):

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| Jacques Whitford Materials Ltd. | \$166,523.00 |
| ADI Ltd. | \$228,800.00 |

Council is advised that this tender is a unit price contract and the bids are based on estimated quantities of work anticipated for the 2003/2004 fiscal year. The actual quantities will be dependent on the requirements for materials testing and inspection for the 2003/2004 Capital Budget and the extent of works as requested by other sections of Public Works and Transportation Services.

All unit price extensions have been checked and found to be correct. The lowest bid received from Jacques, Whitford Materials Ltd. has met all the tendering requirements and therefore staff recommends the award of Tender No. 03-045, Materials Testing & Inspection 2003 to Jacques, Whitford Materials Ltd.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The funding for these services has been provided for in the Capital Budget under individual project allocations.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

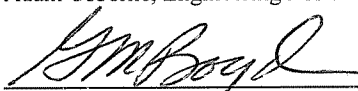
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

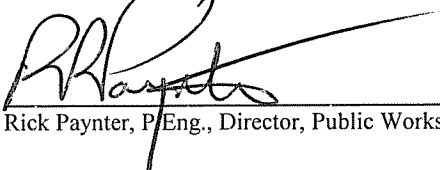
ALTERNATIVES


There are no recommended alternatives.

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