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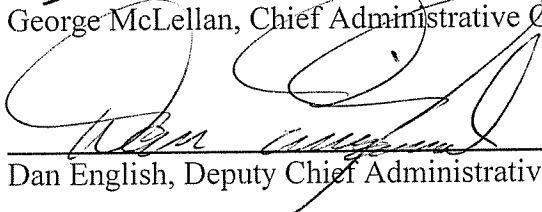
Halifax Regional Council
January 18, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer



Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: December 24, 2005

SUBJECT: **Award of Tender No. 04-165**
Integrated Telecommunication and Dispatch Centre
21 Mount Hope Ave, Dartmouth

ORIGIN

Approved 2002/03 Capital Budget
Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council award Tender No. 04-165 to Rideau Construction Inc. for construction of the new Integrated Telecommunication and Dispatch Centre located at 21 Mount Hope Avenue, Dartmouth, for a total project cost of \$3,687,974 from Capital Account No. CB200516, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Integrated Dispatch and Telecommunications Centre is a phased project that is intended to fully integrate all of the HRM's emergency and non-emergency call taking and dispatch services in a single facility, allowing for greater coordination and efficiency of HRM call taking. The IDTC will provide increased capacity and the ability to greater service HRM citizens and other partner agencies.

Outcomes:

1. HRM citizens will access emergency services (911) through a single centre, reducing the response times of emergency services previously caused by call transfer between different dispatch locations.
2. HRM citizens will be able to access non-emergency services (490-4000) and centralized non-emergency responses. Increased coordination of service requests will provide citizens with increased service.
3. 911, Call Centre and Dispatch services will be able to be maintained during emergency situations through the hardening of the building and emergency power supplies. The main centre will also be supported by a functional back-up centre and training facility. 911 and non-emergency call taking services will be able to be coordinated more effectively in times of crisis. Co-location to the same building as the Emergency Operations Centre will facilitate direct lines of communication in a crisis and assist with the management of an emergency.
4. Efficiencies will be achieved through shared infrastructure, training resources and core data sets.
5. HRM will have sufficient capacity to handle future growth requirements and/or leverage external service contracts. This includes the dispatching of the Halifax Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The present location of the Emergency Dispatch at Convoy Run in Bedford is currently overcrowded and the staff and infrastructure requirements continue to increase as HRM grows.

DISCUSSION

This work was tendered on October 30 , 2004 and closed on November 29, 2004. Eleven bids were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Original Bid Price</u>	<u>Total Cost (incl. net taxes)</u>
Rideau Construction Inc.	\$3,565,706.00	\$3,687,974.05*
Avondale Construction Ltd.	\$3,596,322.00	\$3,719,639.88
Dora Construction Ltd.	\$3,612,000.00	\$3,735,855.48
Herve Pomerleau Inc.	\$3,619,000.00	\$3,743,095.51
Marco Maritimes Ltd.	\$3,623,000.00	\$3,747,232.67
PCL Constructors Canada Inc.	\$3,644,775.00	\$3,769,754.33
Ellis Don Corp.	\$3,674,702.00	\$3,800,707.53
Blunden Construction Ltd.	\$3,791,355.00	\$3,921,360.56
J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Ltd.	\$3,802,393.00	\$3,932,777.05
Giffels Design-Build Inc.	\$3,808,947.00	\$3,939,555.79
FitzGerald and Snow Ltd.	\$4,000,120.00	\$4,261,274.80

*Recommended award.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$3,565,706.00, plus net HST, for a total of \$3,687,974.05, funding is available in the 2003/04 and 2004/05 Approved Capital Budget under Capital Account No. CB200516 - Integrated Telecommunication and Dispatch Centre. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:

Capital Account No: CB200516 - Integrated Telecommunication and Dispatch Centre

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$5,086,665.99
Less: Tender No. 04-165	\$3,687,974.05
	\$1,398,691.94

Additional funds will be required from this account to cover additional project costs of new work stations and office equipment, changes to the radio system, purchase of the new network equipment, software and project management.

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.


ATTACHMENTS

No attachments.

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