

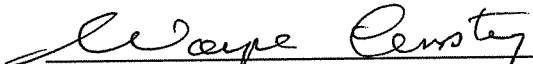
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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**August 8, 2006**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** July 24, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Award of Unit Price Tender No. 06-099, Materials Testing & Inspection 2006

**ORIGIN**

The Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 06-099, Materials Testing & Inspection 2006 to Jacques Whitford Ltd., based on the unit prices quoted for an estimated cost of \$281,139.67 including net HST from Capital Account CRU00701, Other Road Related Works, 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 June 24, 2006 and closed on July 6, 2006. The following bids were received (exclusive of HST):

	<b><u>Bid Price</u></b>
1. Jacques Whitford Ltd.	\$271,819
2. AMEC - Earth and Environmental	\$339,533

This tender is a unit price contract and the bids are based on estimated quantities of work anticipated for the 2006/20007 fiscal year. The actual quantities will be dependent on the requirements for materials testing and inspection for the 2006/20007 Capital Budget and the extent of works, as requested by other sections of Transportation & Public Works Services. Included in the tender are quantities for testing and inspection on HRWC projects for which all cost, estimated to be \$ 8,000 to \$10,000, will be the responsibility of the HRWC.. The inclusion of testing services for HRWC capital projects improves the communication, consistency and continuity of this service on HRWC capital projects particularly within HRM's right-of-way.

All unit price extensions have been checked and found to be correct. The lowest bid received from Jacques, Whitford Ltd. has met all the tendering requirements and therefore staff recommends the award of Tender No. 06-099, Materials Testing & Inspection 2006 to Jacques Whitford Ltd.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$271,819 plus net HST, for a total project cost of \$281,139.67 funding is available in the Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget from Account No. CRU00701, Other Road Related Works. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

### **Budget Summary:      Account No, CRU00701, Other Road Related Works**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$805,824
Less: <b>Tender 06-099</b>	<b><u>\$281,140</u></b>
Balance of Account	\$524,684

\* This work was estimated at \$275,000.

The remaining funds from this account are required to implement the remaining 2006/07 tests and inspections for projects approved by Council.

### 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.

This quality control testing program helps to ensure that works carried out comply with specifications and helps reduce long term capital and maintenance costs.

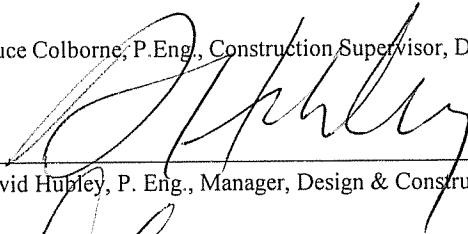
### ALTERNATIVES

None

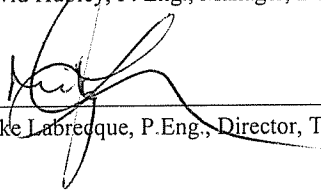
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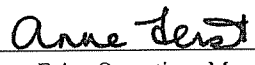
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