

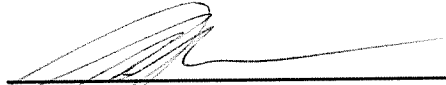
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Halifax Regional Council  
May 7, 2002

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

  
Rick Paynter / P.Eng., A/Director Public Works & Transportation Services

**DATE:** April 29, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Award of Tender No. 02-034, Materials Testing & Inspection 2002

**ORIGIN**

Approved 2002/ 2003 Capital Budget

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Regional Council award Tender No. 02-034, Materials Testing & Inspection 2002 to Jacques, Whitford Materials Ltd. based on the unit prices quoted for an estimated cost of \$148,278. plus net HST for a Total Project Cost of \$157,810. 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**

For the scope of works projected for 2002/03, tenders closed on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. The following bids were received (exclusive of HST):

Jacques Whitford Materials Ltd.	\$148,278.
ADI Ltd.	\$158,690.
AMEC Earth & Environmental Ltd.	\$163,290.
Maritime Testing Ltd.	\$199,770.

Council is advised that this tender is a unit price contract and the bids are based on estimated quantities of work anticipated for the 2002/2003 fiscal year. The actual quantities will be dependent on the requirements for materials testing and inspection for the 2002/2003 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. 02-034, Materials Testing & Inspection 2002 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.

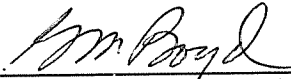
This quality control testing program helps to ensure that works carried out comply with specifications and helps reduce long term capital and maintenance costs.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

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