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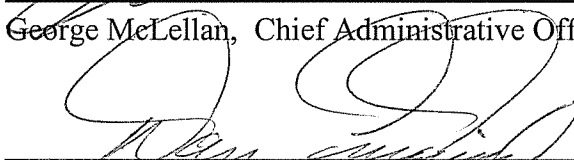
Halifax Regional Council
December 16, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer



Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: November 27, 2003

SUBJECT: Tender #03-149 - One(1) 2004 Highway Tractor.

ORIGIN

Approved 2003/04 Capital Budget

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council authorize the award of Tender #03-149 to Lockhart Truck Center at a cost of \$94,653.70 (net HST incl) with funding from Capital Account No. CVJ00252, Rehab Unit for Fire Services Fleet, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Halifax Regional Municipality publicly advertised tenders for One (1) Model 2004 Highway Tractor as part of a Rehabilitation unit for the Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service.

Tender # 03-149 - One (1) Model 2004 Highway Tractor. Tenders for this truck closed on November 18, 2003, with the following bids received.

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid (Net HST Included)</u>
Lockhart Truck Center	\$ 94,653.70*
Nova Enterprises	\$124,810.48

* *Recommended bidder*

DISCUSSION

The Fire Service is currently utilizing a 1970 bus that incorporates both a rehabilitation unit and a command unit. This configuration has proven to be inadequate for servicing its current needs as these units should be separate and located in different positions at an emergency scene. Originally the concept was to purchase 2 mobile units for estimated costs of \$400k per unit for a total of \$800k. The Fire Service has developed a plan to purchase a separate rehabilitation trailer (approx. \$120K) and command trailer (approx. \$110K) to be transported by this highway tractor which are included in the 03/04 capital plan. The purchase of a tractor with separate trailers will eliminate the need for the Fire Service to acquire self-contained motorized units for both command and rehabilitation applications. Upon council approval for the purchase of the highway tractor separate tenders will be issued for the rehabilitation and command trailers. Lockhart Truck Center will be supplying Model 2004 Sterling L8513 Highway Tractor. Delivery is scheduled for March 15th, 2004.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding is available in the amount of \$94,653.70 (Net HST included) from Capital Account No. CVJ00252, Rehab Unit for Fire Services Fleet. The budget availability has been verified by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: **Account CVJ00252 - Rehab Unit for Fire Services Fleet**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$350,000.00
Less: Tender 03-149	<u>\$ 94,653.70</u>
	\$255,346.30

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

Council could choose to not award this tender. This is not a recommended alternative as it will continue to hamper the Department's ability to respond. It will also necessitate major repairs to the existing bus. The cost would be close to \$50,000 and would only extend the life by a few years.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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