

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2003

SUBJECT: Procurement Authorization - Installation And Removal Of Surface Traction Power Cables For The Streetcar Overhead System – RFP No. P31PJ03824

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission authorize awarding a two-year contract for the Installation and Removal of Surface Traction Power Cables for the Streetcar Overhead System to Black & McDonald Limited, in the upset limit amount of \$400,000.00.

FUNDING

Sufficient funds for this expenditure have been included in the 2003-2007 Capital Program under 2.1 Traction Power Project, work order #6320, Replace Surface Traction Power Distribution as set out on Pages 91 - 95, Category State of Good Repair/Safety, as approved by City Council on February 26, 2003.

BACKGROUND

The Surface Traction Power Distribution Replacement Program is an integral part of the rebuilding of the Streetcar Overhead System. Most of the streetcar power network is in extremely poor condition, and safe, reliable and efficient service cannot be assured. Feeder cables have far exceeded their life expectancy with some cables providing service in excess of sixty-five years. The Commission's ongoing replacement program will provide benefits by increasing the ability to maintain service during power outages as well as improve service reliability. Further, the danger to the public, as well as employees, due to exposed bare cables, will be eliminated in the areas where new cables are installed.

DISCUSSION

Drawings and Specifications were prepared for the Installation and Removal of Surface Traction Power Cables for the Streetcar Overhead System at designated route locations. A Request for Proposals was posted on M&P's web site as of July 18, 2003. Two companies requested copies of the Proposal Documents out of which one submitted a Proposal as summarized in the attached Appendix 'A'.

Black & McDonald Limited submitted the only Proposal for a total evaluated price of \$301,030.00 and did not state any exceptions or qualifications. Black & McDonald

Limited have satisfactorily completed work of similar size and nature for the Commission in the past. Their proposal is considered commercially acceptable. This proposal was based on assumed quantities which Black & McDonald Limited priced at \$301,030.00 based on unit prices. An upset limit was set up at \$400,000.00 as per budget in case of variance in quantities.

Langley Utilities who had picked up Proposal Documents has advised that due to becoming very busy recently and sending a number of crews and trucks to an Ottawa job, they would not have been able to service this Contract and, therefore, did not submit a Proposal.

Ten other companies were made aware by M&P of the availability of the Proposal package but did not pick up the documents.

JUSTIFICATION

The Installation and Removal of Surface Traction Power Cables for the Streetcar Overhead System at designated route locations is necessary in order to support the Rebuilding of the Streetcar Overhead System.

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Attachment: Appendix 'A'

APPENDIX 'A'

PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION

**INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL OF SURFACE TRACTION POWER
CABLES FOR THE STREETCAR OVERHEAD SYSTEM**

SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS – RFP NO. P31PJ03824

COMPANY	TOTAL PROPOSAL PRICE
Black & McDonald Limited	\$301,030.00

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