

MEETING DATE: December 15, 2004

SUBJECT: Procurement Authorization - Supply Of Cab-Over-Front-Axle Tractors

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission approve the acceptance of the proposal submitted by Joe Johnson Equipment Inc., and award of a contract in the amount of \$400,462.20 for the supply of four (4) Cab-Over-Front-Axle Tractors complete with sidewalk snowplows and sidewalk salt/sand drop spreaders.

FUNDING

Sufficient funds for these expenditures were included in Project 5.1, Shop Equipment, under Vehicle Engineering Rubber-Tired Shop Equipment Replacement Units and Additional Units (as set out on pages 1139 to 1154 of the State of Good Repair / Safety Category) in the TTC 2005-2009 Capital Program as approved by the Commission on November 17, 2004.

BACKGROUND

The Commission currently owns two (2) Bombardier Sidewalk Snowplows. These vehicles are designed to plow winter ice and snow from the Commission's sidewalks. Two (2) of the Cab-Over-Front-Axle Tractors being purchased in this report are replacement vehicles for the two (2) Bombardier Sidewalk Snowplows. Two (2) of the Cab-Over-Front-Axle Tractors being purchased in this report are additions to the fleet. All vehicles are for Subway - Track and Structure.

DISCUSSION

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is for the supply and delivery of four (4) cab-over-front-axle tractors complete with attachments that enable the vehicles to be suitable for snow and ice clearing operations. In addition, the proposal also includes the option for the City of Toronto to accept, under their separate purchase order, up to two (2) tractors.

The RFP required the proponents to state a total price for the minimum base TTC order of four (4) tractors and also requested that pricing be stated for individual unit prices for the optional tractors and for a list of available options.

Specifications were prepared and a RFP was posted on the TTC M&P's website and issued to eleven (11) companies on October 4, 2004, with a closing on November 5, 2004. Proposals were received from two (2) companies as summarized on the attached Appendix "A". The proposal validity expires on February 3, 2005.

Joe Johnson Equipment Inc. (Joe Johnson) submitted the lowest priced proposal (\$381,786.20). The provision of auxiliary pumps was a base requirement that Joe Johnson chose to state as a separately priced option. This amount was incorporated into the total adjusted base proposal price of \$394,666.20 to facilitate evaluation. There are no exceptions stated in their submission. In addition, the available

options for foam filled winter tires and a diagnostic tool and software are recommended in the additional amount of \$5,796.00. The proposal submission from Joe Johnson is considered acceptable.

Trackless Vehicles Ltd. (Trackless) submitted the second lowest priced proposal and did not state any exceptions to the specified requirements. The Trackless proposal is considered acceptable.

JUSTIFICATION

The existing Bombardier Sidewalk Snowplows have reached the end of their useful life and require replacement. The two (2) additional units are required to serve Davisville and the recently added Sheppard facilities. The additional units will help meet the twelve-hour requirement for removal of snow and ice from Commission sidewalks.

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Attachments: Appendix "A"

APPENDIX "A"

PROPOSALS RECEIVED

TOTAL COST OF BID

COMPANY	BASE COST	CHOSEN OPTIONS(*)	TOTAL AMOUNT
Joe Johnson Equipment Inc.	\$394,666.20	\$5,796.00	\$400,462.20 RECOMMENDED
Trackless Vehicles Ltd.	\$395,632.20	(**)	(**)

(* - Options for the provision of foam filled winter tires and a diagnostic tool and software)

(** - Trackless Vehicles did not submit a price for the foam filled winter tires option)