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**TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION
REPORT NO.**

MEETING DATE: August 30, 2006

SUBJECT: Procurement Authorization Engineering Design Services For York University Busway Contract AY-29-D3

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission authorize the award of Contract AY-29-D3 to Earth Tech Canada Inc. for engineering design and construction support services for the York University Busway in the upset limit amount of \$2,300,000.

FUNDING

Sufficient funds for this expenditure are included in Project 3.3 (Yards and Roads), under Bus Rapid Transit – Spadina Subway to York University – W.O. 7879 (as set out on pages 605 to 611 of the Expansion Category) of the 2006-2010 Capital Program, which was approved by City Council on December 12, 2005.

BACKGROUND

TTC and the City of Toronto have recently completed an Environment Assessment for bus-only roads, reserved bus lanes and related road improvements between Downsview Station and Steeles Avenue.

The purpose of the project known as the “York University Busway” is to improve the speed and reliability of existing TTC bus services in the corridor from Downsview Station to York University as an interim measure in advance of the implementation of the proposed Spadina Subway Extension.

Now that the requirements of the Ontario and Canadian Environmental Assessment Acts have been met, detailed design may proceed.

DISCUSSION

Consultant services are required to undertake the design of the York University Busway. The project encompasses road and traffic signal changes to the Downsview Station to York University corridor (see Exhibit 1) that include:

1. Bus-only roads,
2. Reserved bus lanes,
3. Additional bus-only driveways at Downsview Station, and
4. Inter-regional bus facilities for GO Transit and York Region Transit (VIVA) at Downsview Station.

Detailed design is scheduled for completion in April 2007. Subject to the necessary properties, permits and approvals being in place, construction would commence in July 2007 and be completed by mid-2008.

A Request for Proposals was publicly advertised on the TTC's web site on June 19, 2006. Eleven companies requested and received a copy of the proposal documents, out of which two submitted a proposal (Earth Tech Canada Inc. and URS Canada Inc.).

The recommendation for award is based on the highest rated qualified proponent with reasonable pricing.

Both proposals were determined to be compliant and were rated by the evaluation team (including representatives from the City of Toronto and TTC), in accordance with the criteria listed in Appendix A. The proposals submitted by both proponents were considered equally qualified and the pricing envelopes were opened and evaluated.

Upon review of the confidential pricing information, the evaluation team considered the pricing from both proponents as fair and reasonable based on the experience and qualifications of each project team. However, Earth Tech Canada Inc.'s pricing was the lowest, and, therefore, is recommended by the evaluation team.

JUSTIFICATION

While the proposals were considered to be equal, Earth Tech Canada Inc. offers the lowest pricing.

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Attachments: Appendix A
Exhibit 1

Appendix A
Procurement Authorization - Engineering Design Services For York University Busway
Proposal No. P11PW06824

List of Proponents

- Earth Tech Canada Inc.
- URS Canada Inc.

Evaluation Criteria

A. CORPORATE QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

- a) Number of Years in Business
- b) Relevant Corporate Experience
- c) Depth of Available Relevant Resources at Proponent's local office

B. PROJECT STAFF QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

i) Project Manager

- a) Number of Years of Direct Experience
- b) Work of a Similar Size and Nature
- c) Technical Qualifications

ii) Lead Civil Design Engineer

- a) Number of Years Experience
- b) Work of a Similar Size and Nature
- c) Technical Qualifications

iii) Landscape Architect/Urban Designer

- a) Number of Years Experience
- b) Work of a Similar Size and Nature
- c) Technical Qualifications

iv) Remaining Project Team/Subconsultants

- a) Number of Years Experience
- b) Work of a Similar Size and Nature
- c) Technical Qualifications

C. PROJECT STAFF DEDICATION

- a) Key Staff Sufficiently Dedicated to the Work

D) UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK

- a) Proposed Methodology/Approach to the Work

Exhibit 1
York University Busway Alignment

