

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: December 17, 2008

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION
TRANSIT CITY LIGHT RAIL PROGRAM –
PROJECT CONTROLS SERVICES
CONTRACT TC85-4

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission authorize the award of contracts to the following firms, in the upset limit amounts listed below, for Transit City Light Rail Program, Project Controls Services, Contract TC85-4, for a period of 10 years, for a total upset limit amount of \$50 million:

1. Transit City Associates (A joint venture of AECOM Ltd., Parsons Brinckerhoff and Giffels Associates Ltd./IBI Group) - \$25,000,000.00
2. Comtech International Design Group Inc. (Comtech) - \$25,000,000.00

FUNDING

Funds in the amount of \$7.1 million have been provided by the Province of Ontario and a further \$9.2 million approved by the Commission to allow the Transit City EA's and related activities to progress as planned.

At its meeting of October 23, 2008, the Commission approved additional funds in the amount of \$13.6 million to all Transit City projects to proceed without interruption through April 2009, at which time it is expected that Provincial funding approval will be available. This funding is subject to Toronto City Council approval of the budget and project commitments totalling \$29.9 million as part of the TTC's 2009-2013 Capital Program. Toronto City Council project commitment approval of \$11.1 million currently exists as approved on December 11, 2007 through the 2008 capital budget process.

No work or staff deployment will be initiated on any project unless the funds have been approved. Payment will be on actual time basis and will be authorized to approved projects on a Work Assignment Release basis.

BACKGROUND

The Transit City Light Rail Plan consists of seven new light rail transit (LRT) lines, the Scarborough Rapid Transit and four maintenance and storage yards, that would, upon implementation, provide a network of rapid transit throughout Toronto. The Commission endorsed the Transit City plan at its meeting of March 21, 2007 and has since received several updates.

The Transit City Department has been created to manage and deliver the Transit City projects valued at over \$10 billion with a very aggressive schedule that aims at completing all the lines and the Scarborough Rapid Transit (SRT) in 10 years.

The magnitude and the ambitious schedule require substantial resources in the area of project management, controls and engineering. An aggressive recruitment of additional TTC staff for all required positions is ongoing, however it is not expected that all positions can be filled by TTC staff. It is therefore imperative to retain consultant firms to supplement TTC staff.

This report addresses the project controls staffing requirements of the department.

It should be emphasized that there are not sufficient resources within the TTC or within a single firm to implement the Transit City initiative from a project controls perspective. The total project controls staff requirements (TTC/Consultants) are 5 positions for 2009, peaking at 70 positions in 2013 and averaging 39 positions over the next 5 years for the full program.

DISCUSSION

A Request for Proposals for Contract TC85-4 was publicly advertised on the Commission's website commencing on September 30, 2008 and was also advertised in several national and international publications. Forty-five companies requested or picked up copies of the proposal documents out of which five submitted a proposal (as summarized in Appendix A).

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

The five proposals were reviewed and rated by the evaluation team based on the evaluation criteria outlined in Appendix A. The proposals submitted by Transit City Associates (a joint venture of AECOM Ltd., Parsons Brinckerhoff and Giffels Associates Ltd./IBI Group) and Comtech are considered qualified to perform the work. Their submissions did not state any exceptions or qualifications and their submissions are considered acceptable.

Upon review of the confidential pricing information from both recommended proponents, staff considered pricing from the two firms as fair and reasonable based on the experience and qualifications of the project team and compared to similar contracts.

The contracts will be administered on a Work Assignment Release basis, which permits the Commission to stop work at any time during the contract, without liability to the Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The award of these contracts will ensure satisfactory project controls consultant services are available to effectively manage the Transit City Light Rail Program. Selection of the best qualified candidate for each of the key project positions from among the consultant candidates, TTC staff and other external candidates will ensure competitive pricing and high quality staff.

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Attachment: Appendix A

APPENDIX A

PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION TRANSIT CITY LIGHT RAIL PROGRAM - PROJECT CONTROLS SERVICES CONTRACT TC85-4

LIST OF PROPONENTS (in alphabetical order)

1. Comtech International Design Group Inc. (*)
2. Genivar LP
3. Stantec Consulting Ltd.
4. Transit City Associates (a joint venture of AECOM Ltd., Parsons Brinckerhoff and Giffels Associates Ltd./IBI Group) (*)
5. URS Canada Inc.

(*) – Indicates Recommended Proponent

PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. CORPORATE QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

- Number of Years in Business
- Depth of Available Relevant Resources at Proponent's office
- Relevant Corporate Experience by Project

B. PROJECT STAFF QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

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