

# TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

**MEETING DATE:** October 19, 2011

**SUBJECT:** NOTICE OF AWARD - PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION  
TORONTO-YORK SPADINA SUBWAY EXTENSION  
SUPPLY OF SPECIAL TRACKWORK AND DIRECT FIXATION  
FASTENERS  
CONTRACT A65-33

## INFORMATION ITEM

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### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission receive the notice of award of Chair Stintz, Vice-Chair Milczyn and the Chief General Manager authorizing the award of a contract to VAE Nortrak Ltd. in the amount of \$7,139,404.41 for Contract A65-33, Supply of Special Trackwork and Direct Fixation Fasteners.

### FUNDING

Sufficient funds for this expenditure are included in the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE) Project, as set out on pages 1447 to 1449R of the TTC 2011-2015 Capital Program (Category – Expansion) which was approved by City Council on February 23, 2011.

### BACKGROUND

At its meeting of July 14, 2010, the Commission approved the revisions and updates to the Authorization for Expenditures and Other Commitments Policy, effective August 1, 2010, which states that *'The Commission delegates authority to the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Chief General Manager to authorize items that would normally be authorized by the Commission when the approval is required before the next Commission meeting. If the Chair and/or Vice-Chair are not available, authority would be deemed to be delegated to any two (2) Commissioners and the Chief General Manager.'* These authorizations are to be followed up by a notice of award Commission report that is to be submitted to the next scheduled Commission meeting for information.

The TTC is planning the design and construction of a new 8.6 km long underground subway line from the existing Downsview Station on the Spadina Line located in the City of Toronto, to the proposed Vaughan Corporate Centre Station located in the City of Vaughan, Region of York.

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This Contract, designated as A65-33, consists of the supply of labour, products and services necessary to complete the design, fabrication, testing and delivery of special trackwork and direct fixation fasteners for the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE) Project. Special trackwork essentially consists of track switches and associated fasteners, and other switch parts. Special trackwork and direct fixation fasteners have to be supplied with all plates, bonded direct fixation plates, fasteners and fittings suitable for mounting on a special trackwork floating slab.

**DISCUSSION**

A Request for Tenders (RFT) was posted on the TTC's website as of May 6, 2011. Nine companies requested copies of the tender documents, out of which one submitted a tender and are summarized on the attached Appendix A.

VAE Nortrak Ltd. submitted the only tender and did not state any exceptions or qualifications. VAE Nortrak Ltd. has satisfactorily completed work of a similar size and nature for the Commission in the past.

MRT Track & Services Co., Inc. (MRT) submitted only a letter stating that they are "not in the position to offer a reasonable price on this material". MRT did not submit a tender.

Progress Rail Services (Progress) also submitted a letter stating that they "feel un-competitive compared with the more locally based suppliers". Progress did not submit a tender.

The other six companies that had requested copies of the RFT were contacted to determine why they did not submit a bid and the responses varied from; cannot offer a firm price at this time, cannot quote due to complexity and timing of the work and one of the companies was acting as subcontractor to VAE Nortrak Ltd.

**JUSTIFICATION**

Special trackwork is required to complete the YYSSE and the tender submitted by VAE Nortrak Ltd. is commercially and technically acceptable.

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Appendix A – Summary of Tenders

## APPENDIX A

Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension  
Supply of Special Trackwork and Direct Fixation Fasteners  
Contract A65-33

### Summary of Submissions

	<u>Tender Price</u>
1. VAE Nortrak Ltd. *	\$7,139,404.41
2. MRT Track & Services Co., Inc.**	none submitted
3. Progress Rail Services**	none submitted
ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE	\$5,000,000.00

\* Recommended Company

\*\* Could not submit at this time