

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: May 28, 2014

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION
OSSINGTON STATION
EASIER ACCESS PHASE III
CONTRACT B45-2

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board authorize the award of a contract to Buttcon Limited in the amount of \$9,716,870.00 for Contract B45-2, Ossington Station - Easier Access Phase III, for the installation of elevators and associated equipment.

FUNDING

Funding for this project is shared between the following projects:

- 3.9 Buildings and Structures – Easier Access Phase III Program as noted on pages 531–538a, and
- 3.4 Structural Paving Rehabilitation Program, under State of Good Repair/Safety category, as noted on pages 481-484.

Sufficient funds are included in the TTC 2014-2023 Capital Budget which was approved by City of Toronto Council on January 29/30, 2014.

BACKGROUND

Since March 1990, the TTC has set the goal of making all subway stations accessible to people with disabilities. To date, 32 stations have been made accessible and all remaining stations are to be made accessible by 2025, subject to available funding. Currently, elevator installations are ongoing at Woodbine, Lawrence West and Dufferin Stations, with construction expected to start in 2014 at St. Clair West and Coxwell Stations.

DISCUSSION

Contract B45-2, Ossington Station – Easier Access Phase III, provides for the work related to the construction of two elevators and lobbies which will provide access between street, concourse and

platform levels as shown in Appendix B & C, automatic sliding doors, one accessible fare gate, reconfigured fare line at street level, way finding signage, and extensive rehabilitation of the existing bus bays and platform; along with concrete repairs and crack injection on the street level slab.

Other related work includes storage rooms, sump rooms, elevator machine room and mechanical room; relocation of washrooms and janitor's room, perimeter retaining wall, lighting, and fencing; modifications to existing switchboard, fire alarm and communications systems; water proofing and roofing.

A Request for Bids (RFB) was posted on the TTC's website and MERX on March 14, 2014. Eighteen (18) companies were issued copies of the bid documents, out of which seven (7) submitted a bid and are summarized in Appendix A.

Note: During the design phase outreach to the local councillor and the community was undertaken also.

Varcon Construction Corporation (Varcon) submitted the lowest priced bid and did not state any exceptions or qualifications. Varcon provided three references with their bid and additional references were requested to demonstrate work of a similar size and nature as required by the RFB Instructions to Bidders. The reference checks were done with the project contacts provided and mixed performance reviews were noted. Varcon has done utility relocation work for TTC as one of their references for which they received a favourable review.

It was determined that, while some of the referenced projects were of a similar size, the reference projects did not demonstrate work of a similar nature to that of the Ossington Easier Access project.

Varcon was requested to provide additional project references of a similar size and nature to meet the following criteria:

- 1) the project has public interface on a daily basis,
- 2) the work has to be performed in the existing operating environment; (as Ossington is an existing subway station),
- 3) the project has complex constraints due to limited access and restrictive operating hours for deliveries, sequencing of work and interdependencies within an operating facility,
- 4) the project has to be multidisciplinary: mechanical, electrical, structural, architectural, shoring and excavation,
- 5) the project involves the installation of complex equipment,
- 6) the project work is in close proximity to adjacent property owners, and
- 7) the project has extensive utility locates prior to construction.

Varcon provided additional contracts and references upon further request by staff from those that were originally submitted with the bid on the List of Similar Contracts Completed (within last 5 years) form, however, these also did not demonstrate work "of a similar nature". Varcon's bid submission is not recommended for award as they have not demonstrated that they have done work of a similar nature which is a mandatory requirement for contract award. Therefore, their submission is considered unacceptable.

Buttcon Limited (Buttcon) submitted the second lowest priced bid and also did not state any exceptions or qualifications and their bid is considered commercially acceptable. Buttcon has been working with TTC on multiple contracts. They are currently performing satisfactory on the previously awarded contracts and also have successfully completed work of similar size and nature in the past. Buttcon are recommended for award of this contract.

Aecon Buildings, a division of Aecon Consulting Group Inc. submitted the third lowest priced bid and also did not state any exceptions or qualifications and their bid is considered commercially acceptable.

The Agreement to Bond submitted by Buttcon covers both a Labour and Material Payment Bond and a Performance Bond. The Surety Company noted on the bid is licensed to transact business under the Insurance Act of Ontario. As such they are considered financially capable of performing the work.

Buttcon will be required to execute a Performance Bond and Labour and Material Payment Bond each in the amount of 50% of the contract value.

JUSTIFICATION

The bid submitted by Buttcon Limited is the lowest priced acceptable bid.

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Attachments: Appendices A, B and C

APPENDIX A

PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION OSSINGTON STATION – EASIER ACCESS PHASE III CONTRACT B45-2

SUMMARY OF BIDS

COMPANY	BID PRICE
Varcon Construction Corporation	\$8,012,830.00
Buttcon Limited *	\$ 9,716,870.00
Aecon Buildings, a division of Aecon Construction Group Inc.	\$ 10,247,024.00
Struct-Con Construction Ltd.	\$10,556,481.00
Aplus General Contractors Corp.	\$11,051,400.00
J. J. McGuire General Contractors Inc.	\$11,832,619.85
Maystar General Contractors Inc.	\$12,095,463.00

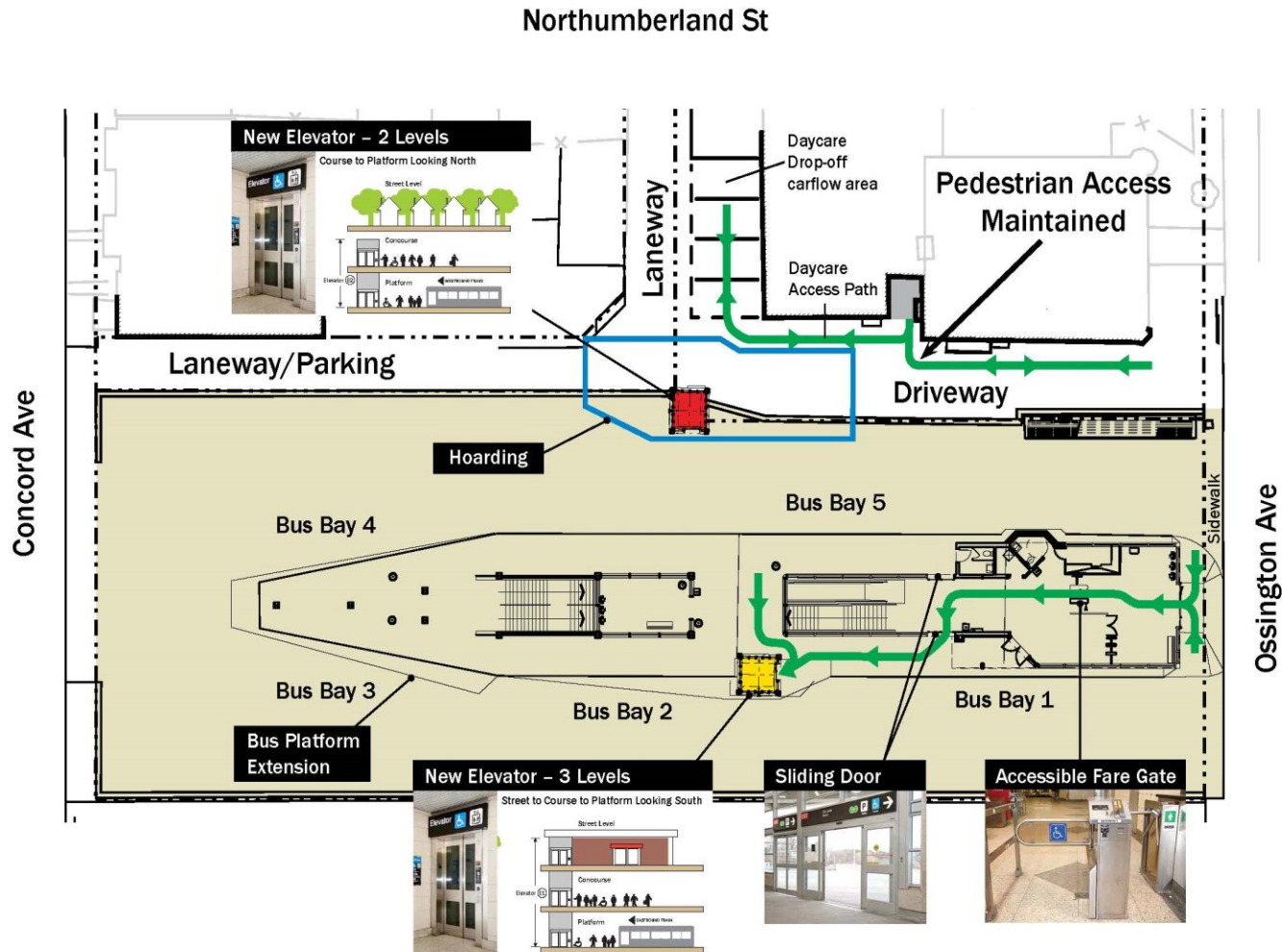
* Recommended Company

APPENDIX B



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Ossington Station Street Level



APPENDIX C



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Ossington Station Concourse Level

