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SUBJECT: Pre-Qualification of Contractors for Dyke and In-Stream Works

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the following contractors be pre-qualified and invited to submit tenders for the following types of work:

City Dyke and In-stream Construction Projects in 2005 to 2007

- GCL Contracting and Engineering Inc.
- Delta Aggregates Ltd.
- Matcon Excavating Ltd.
- Mission Contracting Ltd.
- Double M. Excavating Ltd.
- B & B Contracting Ltd.

City In-stream Construction Projects in 2005 to 2007

- Progressive Contracting Ltd.
- Tyam Construction Ltd.
- Bel Construction Ltd.
- Hazco Environmental Services Ltd.
- RDM Enterprises Ltd.

That the list be updated in 2006 and 2007 with new qualified contractors selected from the annual prequalification process.

BACKGROUND

In 1999, the City adopted the approach of pre-qualifying contractors for dyke construction and environmentally sensitive in-stream works. Since that time, the City has been inviting only these pre-qualified contractors to bid

on dyke and in-stream works. The objective is to have experienced contractors with high standard of workmanship carry out environmentally sensitive projects. Every three years, the City goes through a process to re establish the list of pre-qualified contractors. This includes advertisements inviting contractors to submit their qualifications for evaluation. Contractors who subsequently apply are screened, and if appropriate, are put on the pre-qualified list. Additions to the list are made on an annual basis.

The program has been a success, as reflected by the competitive bids, innovative construction approaches, and minimal contractual claims that the City has experienced.

DISCUSSION

This year, the City is at the beginning of a new three-year qualification cycle, and is therefore establishing a new contractor list. Contractors that wish to be considered submitted their qualifications for evaluation including those previously qualified. The objective is to eliminate contractors who are no longer interested in the program or capable of doing the works. We advertised on January 15, 2005, inviting Statement of Qualifications from contractors. A package outlining the projects and the skills necessary to complete the work was made available to the contractors.

The approved 2005 list will be used for tendering Lowlands dyke construction projects and in-stream works. These types of works are extremely similar and involve stream banks reinstatement, installation of structures, and placement of compact fill in environmentally sensitive areas. However, pending on the expertise and size of the individual firm, contractors may qualify for only the dyke work or stream-bank work or both.

The 2005 list, as shown in this report, will be updated in 2006 and 2007, with new contractors selected from the annual pre-qualification process.

EVALUATION

Statement of Qualifications from contractors were evaluated on the following categories:

- Experience in dyke construction and in-stream work;
- Suitable equipment;
- Qualified personnel; and
- References from past projects.

A number of criteria were identified and a scoring system utilized to rank each of the contractors. Out of 16 contractors who submitted Statement of Qualifications, six (6) have qualified to tender for both upcoming dyke and upcoming in-stream projects, while five (5) have qualified for the in-stream works, as listed in the Recommendation section of this report.

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