R067 : Pre-Qualification of Tenderers for Lowlands Dyke Construction



REGULAR COUNCIL

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- TO: Mayor & Council DATE: March 20, 2000
- FROM: Manager, Utilities FILE: 4851-005

Engineering Department

SUBJECT: Pre-Qualification of Tenderers for Lowlands Dyke Construction

RECOMMENDATION

That the following contractors be added to the City pre-qualified list for City dyke construction projects, bringing the total number of pre-qualified contractors to 17.

- 1. RDM Enterprises Ltd.
- 2. Rush Contracting Ltd.
- 3. Gemco Construction Ltd.
- 4. Chet Construction Ltd. / Terrasol

BACKGROUND

The City will be starting the 2000 Serpentine - Nicomekl flood control dyke construction program in early Spring this year. Due to the nature of the work, Council in 1999 approved a program to invite only prequalified contractors to bid on the work.

To update the pre-qualification process, we advertised on March 8, 2000, inviting statement of qualification from contractors. A package outlining the projects and the skills necessary to complete the work was made available to the contractors. Contractors pre-qualified in 1999 were not required to resubmit and would be automatically included in the 2000 contractors list. The purpose was to seek more qualified contractors who did not participate in the previous pre-qualification process.

EVALUATION

Pre-qualifications were received until end of March 15, 2000. Six contractors submitted statements and were evaluated on the following categories:

- experience in dyke construction and in-stream work
- suitable equipment
- qualified personnel
- references from past projects

Six companies submitted the pre-qualification packages and statements. All contractors were rated on the criteria established last year.

RDM Enterprises Ltd., Rush Contracting Ltd., Gemco Construction Ltd. and Chet Construction Ltd. all met the criteria requirements. They have good or relevant instream work experience and their past performance with the City has been good. These four contractors are recommended to be added to the pre-qualified list, bringing the total of pre-qualified contractors for the dyke programs to 17.

The remaining two contractors were not able to substantiate that they had the necessary experience or resources for the works and their scores were below the 50% mark. We, therefore, are not recommending them to be added to our list of pre-qualified contractors.

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