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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed by 

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 14, 2020

SUBJECT: **Amended and Reinstated Award – RFP No. 19-156 – Design-Build Fire Station No. 62 Williamswood**

ORIGIN

The approved 2019-20 Capital Budget, Supplement Report Page A49 Sambro/Harrietsfield Fire Station – CB000079.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Under the HRM Charter, Section 79 Halifax Regional Council may expend money for municipal purposes.

The recommended contract award complies with all of the pre-requisites for awarding contracts as set out in section 34 of Administrative Order 2016-005-ADM, the *Procurement Administrative Order*.

Section 36 of the *Procurement Administrative Order*, provides that Halifax Regional Council may approve contract awards of any amount.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council award Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 19-156, Design-Build Fire Station No. 62 Williamswood to the highest scoring proponent, Bird Construction Group, at a cost of \$4,551,041 (net HST included), with funding from Project No. CB000079 – Sambro/Harrietsfield Fire Station, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

In January 2015, Fire Station #62 (Harrietsfield) was significantly damaged by fire and the building was deemed unsafe for use. The volunteer fire fighters were relocated to Fire Station #63 (Sambro) which was originally designed to accommodate two career staff and up to ten volunteers. Station #63 does not have enough space to accommodate the four daily career staff and approximate twenty-five volunteers which includes the displaced volunteer firefighters from Station #62. Also, Station #63 is poorly located in relation to the response area.

Halifax Regional Council approved in the 2018-19 Capital Budget for the land acquisition and a new station build to consolidate Fire Station #62 and #63. The new Fire Station's centralized location allows HRFE to provide improved response times for the area. The new facility will meet community and fire services needs by providing an inclusive and productive work site for Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency's (HRFE) volunteers and career members. Community groups will have access to a community room which can be used independent of firefighting operational crews and which can also be used as a comfort centre.

The mass earthworks (site development) Tender 19-173 was previously tendered and awarded for \$1,407,600 (net HST included). The earthworks was tendered separately due to the extent of siteworks required, potential variability in costs and to expedite the project.

The scope of this Request for Proposals includes the site and building design, construction documents, new fire station facility and construction of the finished site work (landscaping/paving).

DISCUSSION

RFP No. 19-156 was publicly posted to the Province of Nova Scotia's Procurement website on September 30, 2019, and closed November 29, 2019. Three (3) compliant bids were received from the following companies:

Name of Company	Bid Price (net HST included)	Total Score
Bird Construction Group*	\$4,551,041	88.62
Lindsay Construction Limited	\$4,426,237	86.00
PCL Constructors Canada Inc.	\$6,378,132	68.11

* Highest Scoring Proponent

Scope and Schedule:

Scope of Work:

This tender includes the following scope of work:

- Preparation of design and construction documents and all required permits
- Construction of sitework to bring the site up to finished grades.
- Construction of finished site work (landscaping and paving).
- Construction of site services.
- Construction of fire station facility.
- Building commissioning and warranty.

Project Schedule:

It is anticipated the Design-Builder will begin preparation of the construction documents for the new station within two weeks after award. The actual construction of the building will not begin until the previous tendered work associated with the mass earthworks is completed by March 31, 2020. The new fire station is scheduled to be Substantially Complete by September 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Based on the bid price of \$4,551,041 (net HST included) is available in the approved 2019-20 Project Budget from Project No. CB000079 – Sambro/Harrietsfield Fire Station. The budget availability has been confirmed by Finance.

Budget Summary:	<u>Project Account No. CB000079 – Sambro/Harrietsfield Fire Station</u>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$4,801,355
	Less: RFP No. 19-156	\$4,551,041 *
	Balance	\$ 250,314

* The Pre-tender construction estimate was \$4,395,349.

Revised Recommendation

The reason for the change was an error in the calculation of the points awarded for the cost portion of Bird's bid. This resulted in Lindsay appearing to be the highest scoring proponent despite Bird's higher technical score. With the cost points recalculated properly, Bird is the highest scoring proponent overall.

RISK CONSIDERATION

- Construction delays: Mitigated by completing mass earthworks early and by separate tender, using a Design-Build project delivery system that allows for faster project completion and making early choices specific to potential long lead items (mechanical and specialized equipment).
- Site Safety: Mitigated by ensuring safe work practices and standards are met during the construction work process through a construction safety plan and site-specific hazard assessment and perimeter fencing.
- Site Access and Traffic Control: Mitigated with the requirement for an approved TIR Work Within Right-of-way Permit issued by NS Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) is required by the Contractor prior to starting the work.
- Site Erosion Control: Mitigated with the requirement for an approved erosion and sediment control plan by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour submitted by the Contractor prior to construction.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council may choose not to approve this recommendation; however, this is not recommended by staff as this project is required to provide a suitable work environment and improved response times.

ATTACHMENTS

None

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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