

## **AWARDING OF BIDS**

### **1. ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING, TESTING AND REPORTING**

Ebusiness bid documents were distributed to 80 firms and four bids were received for the purchase of environmental sampling, testing and reporting service, for Port Authority of Allegheny County (Authority) facilities, over a three-year period.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, URS Corporation, in the estimated amount of \$334,913.50.

This price represents a four percent increase per year over the previous bid price paid three years ago.

### **2. ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICE**

Bid documents were distributed to 39 firms and three bids were received for the purchase of on-call plumbing service for use in the maintenance of the Authority's facilities over a three-year period.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, James Carr & Sons Plumbing, Inc., in the estimated amount of \$1,477,750.

This price represents a one percent increase per year over the previous bid price paid three years ago.

### **3. ENGINE OIL FOR DIESEL ENGINES**

Bid documents were distributed to 31 firms and five bids were received for the purchase of engine oil for diesel engines for use in the maintenance of the Authority's vehicles over a one-year period.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Zappi Oil & Gas Co., Inc., in the estimated amount of \$477,450.

This price represents a 43 percent decrease over the previous bid price paid one year ago.

### **4. SLEET CUTTER PANTOGRAPH**

Bid documents were distributed to 15 firms and two bids were received for the purchase of sleet cutter pantographs for use in the maintenance of the Authority's light rail vehicle fleet over a one-year period.

The original apparent low bidder, Schunk Graphite Technology, offered a product that did not meet the bid specifications, thereby making its bid non-responsive and ineligible for award. The next apparent low bidder, Transtech of South Carolina, also offered a product that did not meet the bid specifications, thereby, making its bid non-responsive and ineligible for award.

Bid documents were then modified and again distributed to 13 firms and two bids were received for the purchase of sleet cutter pantographs for use in the maintenance of the Authority's light rail vehicles over a one-year period.

In response to the modified bid documents, the apparent low bidder, Transtech of South Carolina, again offered a product that did not meet bid specifications, thereby making its bid non-responsive and ineligible for award. The next lowest bid was received from Schunk Graphite technology, which bid is responsive and is being proposed for award.

**FIRST RECOMMENDATION:** That all bids for the initial bid be rejected as non-responsive.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Schunk Graphite Technology, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$264,651.

There has been no recent purchase of sleet cutter pantographs, however, the price has been determined to be fair and reasonable and within the funds budgeted.

## **5. STEEL RAIL WITH STRAP GUARD**

Ebusiness bid documents were distributed to 126 firms and two bids were received for the purchase of steel rail with strap guard for the Mt. Lebanon Tunnel and general maintenance of the rail system over a one-year period.

L.B. Foster Company submitted a bid; however, they subsequently requested and were approved to withdraw its bid based on a clerical mistake made in their bid.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Progress Rail Services Corporation, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$693,790.

There has been no recent purchase of this material, however, the price has been determined to be fair and reasonable and within the funds budgeted.

## **6. IN-GROUND BUS LIFT CYLINDER / POST REPAIRS**

Bid documents were distributed to 17 firms and one bid was received for the purchase of in-ground bus lift cylinder/post repairs at various Authority maintenance facilities over a two-year period.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Dasco, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$206,174.

These prices represent a 4.5 percent increase per year over the previous bid prices paid one year ago.

## **7. GARAGE SNOW REMOVAL TRUCKS**

Ebusiness bid documents were distributed to 227 firms and two bids were received for the purchase of five garage snow removal trucks with an option to purchase up to eight additional snow removal trucks within one calendar year from date of Notice to Proceed. These vehicles are used for snow removal and general maintenance needs at the five bus garages. The new vehicles will be replacing vehicles which are 15 years old and have outlived their useful life.

The apparent low bidder, Schults Ford, Inc., did not meet the requirements of the bid documents, thereby making its bid non-responsive and ineligible for award.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Allegheny Ford Truck Sales, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$195,350.

There has been no recent purchase of these vehicles, however, the price has been determined to be fair and reasonable and within the funds budgeted.

## **8. FACILITIES / RELIEF VEHICLES**

Ebusiness bid documents were distributed to 100 firms and three bids were received for the purchase of two facilities/relief vehicles with an option to purchase up to eight additional facilities relief vehicles within one calendar year from date of Notice to Proceed. These vehicles are used by the Facilities Maintenance Department for their daily maintenance needs. The new vehicles will be replacing vehicles which are approximately 14 years old and have outlived their useful life.

The apparent low bidder, Day Fleet Sales, did not meet the requirements of the bid documents, thereby making its bid non-responsive and ineligible for award. The next apparent low bidder, Schults Ford, Inc., also did not meet the requirements of the bid documents, thereby making its bid non-responsive and ineligible for award.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Allegheny Ford Truck Sales, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$44,162.

There has been no recent purchase of these vehicles, however, the price has been determined to be fair and reasonable and within the funds budgeted.

**9. COACH ENGINE RE-POWER KITS**

Ebusiness bid documents were distributed to 92 firms and one bid was received for the purchase of coach engine re-power kits for use in the maintenance of the Authority's bus fleet over a one-year period.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Gillig Corporation., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$268,965.

There has been no previous purchase of these kits, however, the price has been determined to be fair and reasonable and within the funds budgeted.

**10. SOLID WASTE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICE**

Bid documents were distributed to 30 firms and four bids were received for the purchase of solid waste removal and disposal service used by the Maintenance Department at the various Authority facilities over a three-year period.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, BFI Waste Services of Penn., LLC DBA Allied Waste Services of Pittsburgh, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$919,580.51.

This price represents a 1.5 percent decrease per year over the previous bid prices paid three years ago.

**11. PRINTING OF TICKETS (CHANGE ORDER)**

At its April 2008 meeting, the Authority's Board authorized an agreement with Digital Printing Systems, Inc. for the printing of tickets in the estimated amount of \$80,070, over a two-year period.

Effective January 1, 2011, the Authority will be transitioning to a new fare collection system that will eliminate the need for tickets. There is a need to extend the current agreement for six months until the new fare collection system will be implemented.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract amendment be executed with Digital Printing Systems, Inc., to extend the agreement for six additional months and to increase the

amount of the agreement to a not-to-exceed amount of \$22,260.60 to cover the additional cost of tickets required to be purchased for the extended time period.

Contractor has agreed to hold the unit pricing of the tickets to what is set forth in the original agreement.

**12. PRINTING OF TRANSFERS & FARE RECEIPTS (CHANGE ORDER)**

At its February 2008 meeting, the Authority's Board authorized an agreement with Premier Southern Ticket Company for the printing of transfers and fare receipts in the estimated amount of \$115,688.48 over a two-year period.

Effective January 1, 2011, the Authority will be transitioning to a new fare collection system that will eliminate the need for transfers and fare receipts. There is a need to extend the current agreement for 10 months until the new fare collection system will be implemented.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract amendment be executed with Premier Southern Ticket Company, to extend the agreement for 10 additional months and to increase the amount of the agreement to a not-to-exceed amount of \$61,942 to cover the additional cost of transfers and fare receipts required to be purchased for the extended time period.

Contractor has agreed to hold the unit pricing of the tickets to what is set forth in the original agreement.

**13. PRINTING OF WEEKLY PASSES (CHANGE ORDER)**

At its April 2008 meeting, the Board authorized an agreement with Sommer & Sons Printing, Inc. for the printing of weekly passes in the estimated amount of \$151,522.40 over a two-year period.

Effective January 1, 2011, the Authority will be transitioning to a new fare collection system that will eliminate the need for weekly passes. There is a need to extend the current agreement for six months until the new fare collection system will be implemented.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract amendment be executed with Sommer & Sons Printing to extend the agreement for six additional months and to increase the amount of the agreement to a not-to-exceed amount of \$16,218 to cover the additional cost of weekly passes required to be purchased for the extended time period.

Contractor has agreed to hold the unit pricing of the tickets to what is set forth in the original agreement.

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that recommendations as set forth in the Report are accepted and that the chief executive officer or chief financial officer be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to execute such documents on behalf of the Authority as shall be required for the entry of proper contracts covering those items recommended for acceptance.