

AWARDING OF BIDS

1. VULCANIZED TIE PLATES

This bid was publicly advertised in compliance with the Second Class County Port Authority Act. Bid documents were distributed to eight firms and one bid was received for the purchase of vulcanized tie plates used to replace tie plates in the Mt. Lebanon Tunnel.

These tie plates are not commercially available off-the-shelf items. Therefore, special mill runs are required for each order. This is a niche market and most manufacturers do not offer these types of plates.

The non-bidders were not technically qualified or commercially capable of meeting the specification at the time of the bid since they were unable to provide the plates with the required vulcanization or bolt pattern. The vulcanization process increases the durability of the rubber coating on the plate. This is required to ensure the track is properly isolated to prevent corrosion from stray electrical currents. The bolt pattern must be as specified in order to be compatible with our existing track systems.

RECOMMENDATION: That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, L.B. Foster Company, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$482,892.20.

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

RESOLUTION

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