

AWARDING OF BIDS

1. TRANSIT ADVERTISING INSTALLATION SERVICE

Ebusiness bid documents were released and three firms accepted. Two bids were received for the installation, maintenance, and removal of advertisements from Port Authority vehicles and facilities over a one-year period.

RECOMMENDATION: That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Trans 1 Graphix Corporation, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$224,160.00.

This price represents an approximate 1.5 percent increase over the previous bid price paid in 2006.

2. TRANSMISSION COOLER REPAIRS & NEW TRANSMISSION COOLERS

Ebusiness bid documents were released and four firms accepted. One bid was received for new and repaired transmission coolers for use in the maintenance of Nova, Neoplan LF and Metroliners in Port Authority's bus fleet over a one-year period. In this portion of the bus fleet, the coolers are obsolete and are no longer mass produced.

RECOMMENDATION: That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Dukane Radiator Co. Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$116,717.50.

This price is the same as the previous bid price paid for this product in 2008.

3. PANTOGRAPH ASSEMBLIES

Ebusiness bid documents were released and four invitations were accepted. Two bids were received for the purchase of pantograph assemblies for the Rail Facilities over a one-year period.

RECOMMENDATION: That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Schunk Graphite Technology, LLC, in the estimated amount of \$109,720.00.

This price represents a less than one percent increase paid two years ago.

4. Office Supplies

The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) of Houston, Texas has competitively bid and awarded a contract for the purchase of office supplies to Office Depot, Inc. TCPN is a national purchasing cooperative for use by all public and private schools, colleges, universities, cities, counties and other government agencies throughout the nation. Port Authority wishes to purchase office supplies under the terms and conditions of this cooperative purchasing contract to February 2012 with an option for three one-year extensions.

At the Board Meeting on November 26, 2008, a similar type arrangement was approved for the estimated five-year total of \$1,690,550.00 with US Communities, a similar type of purchasing cooperative for the purchase of office supplies. The contract with US Communities and Office Depot shall be terminated on December 31, 2010.

RECOMMENDATION: That a contract be awarded under the same terms and conditions of TCPN with Office Depot, for the purchase of office supplies. This contract shall be for an estimated total of \$395,000 to February 2012. The three one-year extensions will be at the discretion of Port Authority.

The pricing structure is identical with the previous contract with US Communities.

5. COACH REPLACEMENT PARTS (COOLING)

Ebusiness bid documents were released and seven invitations were accepted. Seven bids were received for the purchase of coach replacement parts (cooling) over a two-year period. In 2008, we had three separate contracts for cooling parts. At this time, we decided to combine the three contracts for an estimated total of \$440,274.75.

RECOMMENDATION: That the contracts be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders who submitted responsive bids, Neopart, in the estimated amount of \$386,610.00, and to New Flyer Industries, in the amount of \$53,664.75 for a total of \$440,274.75.

This price represents less than a one percent increase over the previous bid price paid two years ago.

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.