

## AWARDING OF BIDS

### **1. REMANUFACTURED / EXCHANGE FUEL INJECTORS**

This bid was publicly advertised and ebusiness bid documents were distributed. Six firms accepted the bid invitation and five bids were received for the purchase of Remanufactured/Exchange Fuel Injectors for use in the maintenance of Port Authority's various coaches over a two-year period.

The three low bidders did not comply with the specification requirements covering the replacement of injector tips (critical to ensuring the longevity of the injector), thereby making their bids non-responsive and ineligible for award.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, D & W Diesel Inc., in the estimated amount of \$210,025.80.

This price represents approximately a four percent increase per year from the previous bid price paid two years ago.

### **2. COACH REPLACEMENT PARTS (ENGINE)**

This bid was publicly advertised and ebusiness bid documents were distributed. Four firms accepted the bid invitation and four bids were received for the purchase of Coach Replacement Parts (Engine) for use in the maintenance of Port Authority's various coaches over a two-year period.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders which submitted responsive bids, Penn Detroit Diesel in the estimated amount of \$758,731.94; MCI Service Parts Inc., in the estimated amount of \$2,300.00; and Muncie Reclamation & Supply, in the estimated amount of \$5,118.88

This price represents approximately a 12 percent increase per year from the previous bid price paid two years ago.

### **3. WEST LIBRARY AND NEEDL AVENUE TRANSFORMER BUS DUCT REPLACEMENT**

This bid was publicly advertised and ebusiness bid documents were distributed. Five firms accepted the bid invitation and three bids were received for the purchase of West Library & Needl Avenue Transformer Bus Duct Replacement. This equipment supplies power to the Authority's Light Rail systems and has deteriorated, causing the Authority

to maintain power requirements through the secondary (back-up) power supply system at these two locations.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Merit Electrical Group Inc., in the amount of \$361,800.00.

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

#### **4. STREET SWEEPERS**

This bid was publicly advertised and ebusiness bid documents were distributed. Six firms accepted the bid invitation and four bids were received for the purchase of three Street Sweepers for use in the maintenance of Port Authority's various facilities.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Tennant Sales & Service, in the amount of \$417,425.67.

There has been no recent purchase of this equipment, however, the price has been determined to be fair and reasonable and within the funds budgeted for this replacement. This equipment will be used to clean debris surrounding or entering storm sewers, maintaining the Authority's compliance with Department of Environmental Protection regulations.

#### **5. BACKHOE**

This bid was publicly advertised and ebusiness bid documents were distributed. Four firms accepted the bid invitation and three bids were received for the purchase of a Backhoe for use in the maintenance of Port Authority's various facilities.

The two low bidders did not comply with the specification requirements covering the hydraulic pump capacity (critical to ensuring the various attachments for this machine are adequately powered), thereby making their bids non-responsive and ineligible for award.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Cleveland Brothers Equipment, in the amount of \$112,088.00.

There has been no recent purchase of this equipment, however, the price has been determined to be fair and reasonable and within the funds budgeted for this replacement. This equipment will replace the current unit which is in excess of 25 years old and beyond its useful service life.

## 6. REFRIGERANT

At its July 2010 meeting, the Board authorized the execution of an agreement with Trigon Refrigerant for the purchase of refrigerant in the not-to-exceed amount of \$102,750.00. Trigon Refrigerant failed to provide the required Performance Bond, causing the contract execution to be terminated. Staff had contacted the second low bidder from the solicitation in an attempt to execute a contract, however, the second bidder could not hold pricing due to increases in market pricing. Port Authority staff re-issued the solicitation and twice received no bids due to market pricing fluctuations.

This bid was publicly advertised and ebusiness bid documents were distributed. Two firms accepted the bid invitation and two bids were received for the purchase of Refrigerant for use in the maintenance of Port Authority's coach and facilities air conditioning units.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, United Refrigeration, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$161,250.00.

This price represents a seven percent decrease over the previous bid price proposed one year ago.

## 7. HERBICIDE SPRAYING FOR VEGETATION CONTROL

This bid was publicly advertised and ebusiness bid documents were distributed. Five firms accepted the bid invitation and three bids were received for the purchase of herbicide spraying of the Authority's properties and rights-of-way over a two-year period with an option for an additional two-year period.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the low responsive and responsible bidder, Tru-Green Companies, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$333,423.12 for the four-year period.

This price is approximately eight percent lower than the previous contract price paid four years ago.

**8. SYNTHETIC AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION FLUID**

This bid was publicly advertised and ebusiness bid documents were distributed. Seven firms accepted the bid invitation and six bids were received for the purchase of Synthetic Automatic Transmission Fluid used in the maintenance of the Authority's bus fleet over a two-year period.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, PPC Lubricants, in the estimated amount of \$398,092.80 for a two-year period

This price represents approximately a 0.5 percent increase over the previous bid price paid two years ago.

**9. SHELTER CLEANING TRUCK**

This bid was publicly advertised and ebusiness bid documents were distributed. Six firms accepted the bid invitation and five bids were received for the purchase of three Shelter Cleaning Trucks for use in the maintenance of Port Authority's various bus and rail passenger shelters.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder which submitted a responsive bid, Allegheny Ford Truck Sales, in the amount of \$126,327.00.

There has been no recent purchase of this equipment, however, the price has been determined to be fair and reasonable and within the funds budgeted for this replacement. This equipment will be used to clean the Authority's various bus and rail passenger shelters. This equipment will replace the current units which are approximately ten years old, and beyond their useful service life.

**10. ROCK SALTED (BAGGED)**

This bid was publicly advertised and ebusiness bid documents were distributed. Four firms accepted the bid invitation and three bids were received for the purchase of Bagged Rock Salt 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, American Rock Salt Co., in the estimated amount of \$481,050.00.

This price represents approximately a four percent increase per year over the previous prices paid two years ago.

**11. 40 FOOT LOW-FLOOR COACHES (CHANGE ORDER)**

At its April 2011 meeting, the Board authorized a contract change order with Gillig to provide (45) 40-foot low-floor coaches, exercising an optional purchase as included in the original contract. The total price approved at that time was a not to exceed price of \$18,149,162.95. This contract includes and requires that adjustments to the Producer Price Index (PPI) are included at the time of execution. At the time, staff requested the approval of this purchase in April, only the January Producer Price Index was available, and increases to the PPI have since increased the resultant per coach price.

At this time, staff is requesting that \$130,000.00 be added to this contract change order to cover increases to the PPI which will bring the total change order amount not-to-exceed \$18,279,162.95.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract value be increased with Gillig in the amount of \$130,000.00.

## **12. LAPTOP COMPUTER EQUIPMENT – POLICE (CHANGE ORDER)**

In August 2011, Port Authority entered into a contract with Computer Integration Group Inc., to provide Laptop Computer Equipment for the Authority's Police Department in the amount of \$32,290.02. These computers are used in the Authority's Police Department's cruisers to provide instant information to officers in the field. The funds for this equipment were provided by the Department of Homeland Security, and the Authority has the ability to purchase additional equipment due to the bid pricing being lower than anticipated for this equipment.

At this time, staff is requesting that \$4,674.54 be added to this contract to purchase three additional laptop computers and four additional vehicle adapters.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a contract value be increased with Computer Integration Group Inc., in the amount of \$4,674.54.

## **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 the Authority as shall be required for the entry of proper contracts covering those items recommended for acceptance.