

REPORT FOR ACTION

Replacement of Perimeter Fence at Exhibition Place

Date: November 20, 2023

To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From: Don Boyle, Chief Executive Officer

Wards: Ward 10 - Spadina Fort York

SUMMARY

This report recommends approving a contract with Powell Fence Limited ("Powell") for the replacement of Perimeter Fence at Exhibition Place. A tender call was issued on August 24, 2023 through Exhibition Place Purchasing and Materials Stores via Bonfire Online Procurement System and the recommendation is to award the contract to the lowest compliant bidder meeting tender requirements and specifications within the available budget.

The fence along Lakeshore Boulevard West is between 35 and 40 years old and require extensive ongoing service and repair, posing a possible risk to security and public safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that:

1. The Board approve the award of Contract No. 23-079-37912 (RFT No. EP110-2023) to Powell Fence Limited for the Replacement of Perimeter Fence at Exhibition Place in the amount of \$1,484,065.00 which includes a cash allowance of \$107,500.00 but excludes HST; this being the lowest acceptable tender submission received following the public tendering of the project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financing for this project is included within the Exhibition Place 2023-2024 Capital Works Budget State of Good Repair Program.

DECISION HISTORY

The Exhibition Place 2022-2026 Strategic Plan has identified Protecting and Spotlighting our Assets Goal to ensure that our State-of-Good Repair plan and processes are adequately linked to our capital plan.

At its meeting of September 14, 2022, the Board approved the 2023 Capital Works Program budget. An amended version of this budget was subsequently adopted by City Council at its meeting on February 15, 2023.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.EP25.13>

COMMENTS

Background

The existing perimeter chain link fence along Lakeshore Boulevard is between 35 to 40 Years old and requires replacement. The total length of the fence is approximately 1,500 m or 1.5 km. Due to its age; some fence posts are corroded posing possible security and/or safety risks. For longevity, maintenance, and aesthetic purposes, the proposed new fence type is to be coated aluminum alloy with a flush concrete curb below to allow for a clean mowing strip and removes the need for string trimming. The design has also added concrete pavement in any areas that are not paved on the roadside of the fence between the flush curb and the edge of Lake Shore Boulevard (curb, wall, etc.), thus limiting the requirement for maintenance from the outside of the fence.

Tender Process

The tender for this contract was issued on August 24, 2023, through the Exhibition Place Purchasing & Materials Stores via Bonfire Online Procurement System and closed on September 26, 2023. Eight (8) bidders attended the mandatory site tour meeting, three (3) submissions were received, all of which were compliant with the tender requirements. The bidders' price submissions, excluding HST, are as shown in the following Table 1:

Table 1: Tender Price Submission and the Recommended Contract

Bidder	Base Bid Price Received	Recommended Contract Price
Powell Fence Limited	\$1,484,065.00	\$1,484,065.00
M.J.K. Construction Incorporated	\$1,619,001.00	
Clearway Construction Incorporated	\$1,851,100.00	

Staff have reviewed the bids and based on its safety record and experience with similar projects staff recommends award of the contract to the lowest compliant bidder, Powell

Fence Limited. The Exhibition Place project consultant has also reviewed the bid prices and has recommended to proceed with an award to Powell.

Powell has over 38 full-time employees and has been providing fence installation services since 2020. They have completed several large-scale and time-sensitive fence replacement and noise wall projects in the past three years for clients such as the City of Oshawa, the Town of Caledon, and Halton Region. Powell Fence Limited meets or exceeds all tender requirements including those of qualification and experience.

This recommendation is contingent upon approval by the Office of the City CFO & Treasurer, and of the Surety Company proposed by the successful bidder for the supply of the bonding requirements. It is also subject to the City Fair Wage Office confirming that the recommended contractor and its subcontractors maintain wage rates and working conditions in accordance with Toronto Workers' Rights requirements.

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SIGNATURE

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