

Winter Accessibility - Tiger Boardwalk & Habitat Expansion Project - Award

Date: October 6, 2023

To: Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

From: Director, Facilities & Infrastructure

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report recommends the award of the Request for Quotation for Winter Accessibility - Tiger Boardwalk & Habitat Expansion Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Facilities & Infrastructure, Toronto Zoo recommends that:

1. The Toronto Zoo Board of Management approves Request for Quote RFQ-43 - Tiger Boardwalk & Habitat Project and award of the project to TDI International Ag. Inc. in the amount of \$2,853,861.36, excluding applicable taxes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report as the project is included in the 2023 capital budget.

DECISION HISTORY

The Winter Accessibility - Tiger Boardwalk & Habitat Expansion project is an approved capital project which is supported by funding from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) grant. The project is scheduled to start mid to late November and be completed by summer 2024.

Following an unsuccessful competitive bid process, a sole source request was prepared and forwarded to TDI International Ag. Inc. for pricing as they were the only contractor from the competitive Request for Tender (RFT-30) for the Tiger Boardwalk and Habitat

Expansion Project to meet the project experience requirements as outlined in the RFT. TDI International Ag. Inc. also recently completed the construction of the Toronto Zoo Core Woods Hill ramp project in addition to other similar projects including the Northeast Multi-Use Trail in Rouge National Urban Park and Veteran's Way Trail in Orangeville.

COMMENTS

A competitive Request for Tender for the Tiger Boardwalk & Habitat was originally issued for this project on September 12, 2023 (RFT-30). Three (3) bids were received however, based on review by the project consultant and Zoo staff, no bid submissions met the compliance requirement for experience and qualification. As a result, a sole source request was made directly to TDI International Ag. Inc. through a Request for Quote (RFQ-43).

Initiation of this project in November 2024 is critical in order to complete the majority of the work throughout the winter months when attendance is lower and there is less impact to guests. The project is to be completed by summer 2024 in time for the peak summer season.

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