

FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto: Non-Competitive Contract with AmpThink for Temporary Network Expansion and Integration at Toronto Stadium

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To: FIFA World Cup 2026 Subcommittee

From: Executive Director, FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto Secretariat and Chief Procurement Officer

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The attachment to this report consists of details to be applied to negotiations to be carried on by or on behalf of the City of Toronto.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request authority to enter into a non-competitive contract with AmpThink Inc. for the provision of temporary network expansion and integration including expanded temporary Wi-Fi services at Toronto Stadium (BMO Field) for the FIFA World Cup 2026 (FWC26).

AmpThink Inc. is the incumbent service provider at Toronto Stadium possessing the technical knowledge of the venue's existing IT systems and the experience necessary to implement the required temporary expansion of the network for the FIFA World Cup 2026 tournament, and subsequently revert all of the systems post-tournament.

AmpThink Inc. has labour and equipment mobilized at the stadium and understands the network architecture currently in place; contracting the firm represents the most efficient way of achieving the project scope.

The project scope involves an extension of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment's network into Exhibition Place controlled spaces, which will need to be reverted after the tournament as the two entities are independent of each other. Further, expanded Wi-Fi services will be installed temporarily with respect to the temporary expansions being made at Toronto Stadium - Wi-Fi in temporary spaces must be removed as the

structures where it will be installed will also be removed. Where there are permanent upgrades being made to the stadium, expanded Wi-Fi services will be available for use after the end of the tournament.

The proposed work will start immediately upon approval to ensure completion before the FIFA World Cup begins in June 2026. Post-tournament systems will be restored by August 2026.

This project is urgently needed to ensure Toronto Stadium meets FIFA requirements for hosting tournament matches.

Non-competitive procurements may be undertaken where both the proposed procurement and supplier can be justified in good faith based on an exception set out in Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 195, Procurement. This non-competitive procurement will be proceeding under the exception code related to the goods or services required to match the existing systems within the stadium. The City has determined in good faith that both the proposed procurement and the selected supplier, along with the terms and conditions of the contract are beneficial to the City (Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 195, Procurement, Section 7.1E.).

Pursuant to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 195, Procurement, Section 195-7.3 (D), Standing Committee and Council approval is required for all non-competitive procurements valued up to or over \$500,000, or where the term of the contract exceeds five (5) years or exceeds the projected capital funding for the project as approved by Council. Approval is also required under City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 71, Financial Control, Section 71-11A., as the procurement value exceeds the threshold of \$500,000 net of HST allowed under staff authority.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director, FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto Secretariat and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto Secretariat, and the Chief Procurement Officer to negotiate and enter into an agreement with AmpThink Inc. for the provision of temporary network expansion and integration including expanded Wi-Fi services at Toronto Stadium for the FIFA World Cup 2026, in an amount not to exceed the amount identified in Confidential Attachment 1 and for a term of 1 year from the date of execution of the agreement.
2. City Council direct that Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential at this time as it pertains to criteria to be applied to negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the City of Toronto and be made public at the discretion of the Chief Procurement Officer following the award or closing of the contemplated procurement transactions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for this non-competitive contract is available in the 2026 Staff Prepared Operating Budget for hosting costs within City Manager Services. The recommendations in this report will have no impact on the overall budget for the FIFA World Cup 2026. The total estimated cost of hosting the FIFA World Cup 2026 in Toronto, including operating and capital costs, remains unchanged at \$380.0 million gross.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial information as presented in the Financial Impact section.

DECISION HISTORY

On December 9, 2025, Executive Committee adopted EX28.30, "Amendment to the Agreement with Arena Event Services Inc. for Temporary Hospitality Structures at Toronto Stadium".

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.EX28.30>

On November 12, 2025, City Council adopted EX27.11, "FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto: Procurement Plan Update".

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.EX27.11>

On June 17, 2025, Executive Committee adopted EX24.12, "FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto: Community Benefits Plan Update, Social Procurement and Workforce Development Status, Community Activation Plan, Marketing and Communications Overview, Support for Concurrent Special Events, Principles of Bidding on International Events, and Purchase Order Amendment".

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.FWC5.1>

On May 22, 2025, City Council adopted EX23.16, "FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto: Procurement Plan Update", updating the procurement plan to procure the goods and services required for the delivery of the FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.EX23.16>

On April 23, 2025, City Council adopted CC29.3, "Procurement to Support Activities Funded by the Soccer for All Legacy Fund", authorizing staff to negotiate and enter into agreements for the provision of construction and professional services required to deliver up to 12 mini-pitches across Toronto.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.CC29.3>

On November 4, 2024, City Council adopted EX18.17, "FIFA World Cup 2026 Toronto: Revenue Opportunities to Support Hosting Obligations, Procurement Plan Revisions,

and Social Procurement and Community Workforce Development Updates", which reflected changes to the procurement plan and goals for social procurement.
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.EX18.17>

On July 24, 2024, City Council adopted EX16.32, "FIFA World Cup 2026: Toronto Host City Procurement Plan", which provided approval to proceed in accordance with the procurement plan to procure the goods and services required for the delivery of FIFA World Cup 2026 set out in Confidential Attachment 1.
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.EX16.32>

COMMENTS

This contract would ensure that the City continues to meet its stadium-related obligations under the FWC26 Host City Agreement and that the project remains on schedule for successful tournament delivery. It provides continuity of service through construction and post-event remediation, while maintaining fiscal discipline.

The work covered by the contract is required to address specific information and communications technology infrastructure and system shortcomings identified by FIFA during post-bid venue inspections and technical assessments. These identified requirements are necessary to ensure Toronto Stadium meets FIFA requirements for hosting tournament matches. The scope of work included is as below:

- The provision of temporary extended Wi-Fi systems within the stadium and fan facing areas throughout the stadium precinct.
- The integration of all existing and temporary IT systems into the existing IT network at Toronto Stadium.
- De-installation of Wi-Fi systems as necessary.

AmpThink Inc. has been identified as the most suitable supplier given the firm is the incumbent provider of IT services at Toronto Stadium. The proposed non-competitive procurement would save time and costs as the firm already has labour and equipment mobilized at the stadium, allowing for continuity of service with reduced project timelines associated with setup and installation. Finally, the supplier understands the network architecture currently in place at the stadium and would easily expand the physical network, while maintaining compliance with Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment's corporate cyber protection protocols and policies.

Conclusion

The recommendation in this report and confidential attachment are intended to move planning forward in a timely manner, while remaining within the \$380.0 million FWC26 budget.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 - FWC26 Non-Competitive Contract with AmpThink Inc. for
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