

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013
FROM:	BILL CAMPBELL DIVISION MANAGER, FACILITIES & JOHN W. KOBARDA, FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT:	No. 1 FIRE STATION – INTERIOR ALTERATIONS PROJECT NO. PP1176-11 TENDER No. 12-102

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Division Manager, Facilities and the Fire Chief:

- (a) The bid submitted by Allied Construction Corporation, 25 Stanley St., London, ON N6C 1A9, at its tendered price of \$409,780 (HST excluded) for No. 1 Fire Station – Interior Alterations, **BE ACCEPTED**; it being noted out that the bid submitted by Allied Construction Corporation was the lowest bid received and meets the City’s specifications and requirements in all areas;
- (b) The financing for this project **BE APPROVED** as set out in the Sources of Financing Report attached hereto as Appendix “A”;
- (c) The Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all the administrative acts which are necessary in connection with this project; and
- (d) The approval given herein **BE CONDITIONAL** upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract with the contractor for the work.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- April 29, 2009 - Fire Master Plan – Organization & Resource Deployment Analysis for the London Fire Services.

BACKGROUND

PURPOSE

This report is submitted to seek Council approval to enter into a formal contract with Allied Construction Corporation for the No. 1 Fire Station – Interior Alterations.

CONTEXT

In April of 2009, the London Fire Department (LFD) presented to Council the Master Fire Plan (Plan) completed by Tridata Systems. The Plan, which included a number of recommendations, proposed the redeployment of several of the LFD’s frontline fire apparatus, with the redeployment strategy being described in the February 2009 report to the Board of Control.

Since the development of the Master Fire Plan, the LFD has been continuing to work toward improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the various business units within the Department. Identifying the need to deploy and relocate several resources, Fire Administration met with representatives of the Facilities group. Through that collaboration, the group identified a parallel project under life cycle maintenance. After extensive discussion, the group decided the Facilities Division could reduce its capital budget request approximately \$500,000 in life cycle maintenance work, as most of the issues would be addressed under the LFD proposed plans.

The first phase of the project involved relocating one (1) of the LFD's two (2) Command Cars to the west end of the City, as was recommended within the Master Fire Plan. This redeployment more equitably distributes the Command Car responses across the City. That phase of the plan is now complete with the redeployment occurring late October.

With the aforementioned redeployment now complete, the LFD is prepared to move forward with the next four (4) phases of the project, all of which involve work at London Fire Department Memorial Headquarters (Station 1). The scope of the project includes:

- The consolidation of all Fire Fighting Division personnel on the first floor (currently, firefighters use the 1st and 2nd floors);
- The relocation of the Fire Prevention Division from the 3rd floor to the 2nd floor, which provides additional space, as well as space for potential future growth, if required;
- Centralization of training services by relocating the Training Division staff from the training building located at Fire Station No. 9 to the 3rd floor;
- Renovations to the customer service area on the 3rd floor to address security issues, as well as improve barrier free accessibility and functionality;
- Address life cycle maintenance issues within the building; and
- Improve barrier free accessibility to the building.

Part of the plan to move the Training Division staff also included exploring a potential opportunity to relocate the Middlesex London Emergency Medical Authority's (MLEMA) Meg Drive station to the Fire Station 9 property, thereby creating another public safety site similar to Fire Station 14. Moving the staff from the existing site provides an excellent opportunity to develop the office area into an Incident Command training centre, as well as provide opportunities to maintain and enhance the current fire apparatus defensive driving program using a simulator.

The work herein noted is scheduled to commence February 2013 with an estimated completion date of August 2013.

PURCHASING PROCESS

Tenders for the No. 1 Fire Station – Interior Alterations were received November 7, 2012. The bid submitted by Allied Construction Corporation, was the lowest of eight (8) bids received and meets the City's specification and requirements in all areas. A summary of bids received is attached as Appendix "B".

The low bid exceeded the \$350,000 pre tender budget estimate. Additional funding can be accommodated within existing budgets.

The bid submitted by Allied Construction Corporation offers the best value to the City and it is recommended that they be awarded a contract for the work, in accordance with Section 13 of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There will be no additional annual operating costs associated with the approval of this project.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This report was prepared by Fiona Bushby, Facilities Design & Construction.

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RECOMMENDED BY:	
JOHN W. KOBARDA FIRE CHIEF	

Attach: Appendix "A" – Sources of Financing
Appendix "B" - Summary of Bids

cc: Martin Hayward, Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer,
Chief Financial Officer
Lynne Livingstone, Managing Director, Neighbourhood, Children and Fire
Services