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Corporate Report

Report from Fire and Emergency Management Services, Communications

Date of Report: December 3, 2013 **Date of Meeting:** December 16, 2013

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Subject: Request for Proposal – Ergonomic Radio / 9-1-1 Communications Console Furniture

Recommendation

That Council award the purchase of four radio / 9-1-1 dispatch consoles and one workstation to Bramic Creative Business Products Ltd. at a cost not to exceed \$95,000 plus applicable taxes. FORTHWITH

Background

In conjunction with the construction of Fire Station 4 and the requirement to maintain Fire Station 1 as a secondary fire dispatch site, new ergonomic radio / 9-1-1 console furniture was provisioned for in the approved Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment budget.

On October 20 2013, based on ergonomic requirements for a 24/7 environment, input from end users and industry standards for emergency communications consoles, staff invited proposals from qualified suppliers for the design, supply, delivery, and installation of four radio / 9-1-1 communication console furniture with an option for one call taker workstation.

On November 20, 2013, five proposals were received for evaluation from Evans Consoles Corporation, Bramic Creative Business Products Ltd, Cinema Stage Inc., Ergoflex Systems Inc., and Clockwork Systems Inc.

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As part of the evaluation process, all proposals were required to meet or exceed current ergonomic performance standards and functionality. In addition to these mandatory requirements, proposals were also evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Company history
2. Work Team history
3. Manufacture Specifications, Warranty and Installation
4. Furniture function, assembly and design requirements
5. Projected price

Of the five proposals, the Evaluation Committee comprised of staff from Fire Services and Financial Management Services, using the above criteria, short-listed two submissions for further evaluation and demonstration. The short-listed proposals were from Bramic Creative Business Products and Evans Consoles Corporation.

Based on the overall evaluation scoring and value added modules, the Evaluation Committee is recommending the City enter into an agreement with Bramic Creative Business Products for the design, supply, delivery, and installation of four ergonomic radio / 9-1-1 dispatch consoles and one call taker / workstation.

Bramic specializes in the manufacture and design of console systems to support public safety communications centres. Fire Services currently utilize three older model Bramic consoles which have performed well since 2001.

Financial Implications

Financing for the new console furniture in the amount not to exceed \$95,000 will be provided from the approved Fire Station 4 Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment project budget.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council authorize the purchase including the design, supply, delivery, and installation of communication console furniture with Bramic Creative Business Products not to exceed \$ 95,000 plus, applicable taxes.

Notification

It is in order to notify Bob Sage, President at Bramic Creative Business Products Ltd., 1175 Squires Beach Road, Unit 7, Pickering, Ontario, L1W 3V3.

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