

Date: April 30, 1997

SUBJECT: AWARD OF BACKHOE RENTAL CONTRACT

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the backhoe rental contract be awarded to the two low bidders, Blackbear Excavating Ltd. and Victoria Excavating

BOARD POLICY

Contracts in excess of \$50,000 are awarded by the Board.

BACKGROUND

A contract is awarded for the rental of rubber tired backhoe and operator every three years. This contract provides for a primary contractor and a secondary contractor to ensure availability of equipment and operator when required. The procedure followed is to assign all work to the prime contractor but if they are fully committed, then to award to the secondary contractor. On April 22, 1997, ten tenders were received and opened in public. The following are the bids with hourly rates:

CONTRACTOR	HOURLY RATE
Blackbear Excavating Ltd	\$45.25
Victoria Excavating	\$45.50
George Bubas Motors Ltd.	\$47.99
Horseshoe Star Holdings Ltd	\$47.99
Joe's Backhoe Service	\$48.50
R. Pattenden Excavating Ltd.	\$55.00
CS & C Enterprises	\$57.00
Ken Bradley Truck & Excavating Ltd	\$57.20
Lee-Mar Industris (1996) Ltd.	\$65.00
Triron Contracting	\$65.00

Average rental annually 1,600 - 2,200 working hour at an approximate cost of \$72,000 to \$100,000 per year.

Staff recommend award to the two low bidders, Blackbear Excavating Limited

(as prime contractor) and Victoria Excavating (as secondary contractor)

JUSTIFICATION

This is in keeping with the Boards policy to award contracts to low bidders.

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