

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF 60MM ORNAMENTAL TREES

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the contracts for the purchase of trees in the amount of \$162,292 plus tax be awarded to low bidders as outlined in this report.

BOARD POLICY

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

BACKGROUND

Arboriculture is mandated to plant trees on boulevards and medians. Trees are required to be planted under our capital and replacement programs as well as providing service for the City's local improvement and commercial sidewalk replacement programs.

In this coming season approximately 4,000 trees are scheduled to be planted. The Board's nursery will be supplying approximately 2,450 trees this fall, with the remainder of approximately 1,500 trees to be purchased from this tender. Six bids were received and opened in public at 3:00 p.m., September 23, 1997. The Supervisor of Arboriculture and the Purchasing Manager recommend that the Board award the following items, as per Tender T97-12:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Item Numbers*</u>	<u>Value</u>
East Richmond Nurseries	Part A 1,8 Part B 21,22,23,33	\$5,135 plus taxes
Golden Eagle Tree Farm	Part A 4, 13, 16, 25	\$20,600 plus taxes
Cannors Nurseries Ltd.	Part A 2,7,8,9,11,12,18,19, 24, 26 Part B 9,10,11,14,19	\$68,657 plus taxes
Katos Nursery Ltd.	Part A 3 Part B 31	\$1,785 plus taxes

Piroche Plants Inc.	Part A 6, 10,14,20,21,22,23	\$29,065 plus taxes
	Part B 18,20,26,27	
Specimen Trees Wholesale	Part A 3,5,15,17	\$37,050 plus taxes
	Part B 12,16	

* item numbers represent different tree species. details are available in the purchasing manager' s office.

Part A item 23 Kato' s Nursery sole bid did not offer good value to the Board and we recommend an alternative species bid of the same genus offering best value.

All other awards are low bids or low bid meeting specifications with items 3 and 8 being awarded to the second low bidder due to insufficient stock available from the lowest bidder.

Part A items 11 and 16 no bids were received so recommend acceptance of low bid substitution.

Part B no bids were received on times 1 - 8, 13, 15, 17, 24, 25, 28-30, and 32.

Previous experience with low bidders has been satisfactory.

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