

To: Toronto Public Library Board – November 20, 2006

From: City Librarian

Subject: **Bloor/Gladstone Branch – Award of Tender**

Purpose:

To request Toronto Public Library Board approval to employ the services of a General Contractor for the renovation and expansion of the Bloor/Gladstone branch, as per Toronto Public Library's (TPL's) drawings and specifications, commencing November 2006.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

The tender amount of \$7,049,000, including applicable taxes of \$399,000, is part of the TPL's approved capital funding.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Toronto Public Library Board award a contract to the lowest bidder, Pre-Eng Contracting Ltd., for the renovation and expansion of the Bloor/Gladstone branch, at a cost of \$7,049,000, including applicable taxes of \$399,000; and
- (2) the appropriate Library officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

The renovation and expansion of the Bloor/Gladstone branch was approved as a capital project in 2005, with a total budget of \$8,000,000. Rounthwaite, Dick & Hadley Architects was selected in 2005 for the project.

Comments:

On August 31, 2006, an advertisement was placed in the Daily Commercial News for General Contractors interested in bidding on the Bloor/Gladstone branch renovation and expansion project. Upon evaluation of the bidders' submissions, nine (9) General Contractors were identified as best qualified for this project.

On November 16, 2006, the TPL received quotes from eight (8) of the pre-qualified General Contractors.

The tender documentation submitted by the recommended bidder, Pre-Eng Contracting Ltd., was reviewed by the firm of Rounthwaite, Dick & Hadley Architects and TPL staff, and was found to be in conformance with tender requirements. The award of contract will be subject to the contractor and sub-contractors being in compliance with the Fair Wage Office at the City of Toronto.

Conclusion:

Library staff is to negotiate a contract with Pre-Eng Contracting Ltd, being the lowest tender received, to complete the renovation and expansion of the Bloor/Gladstone branch, in accordance with drawings and specifications.

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Not applicable.