



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

2023 Fire Alarm System Replacement- Award of Contract

Date: June 19, 2023

To: Toronto Public Library Board

From: City Librarian

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Toronto Public Library Board approval for the award of contract for design, materials and labour to provide new fire alarm systems to eight Toronto Public Library (TPL) branches.

Anacond Contracting Inc. was the successful bidder following an open, competitive procurement process to procure Fire Alarm System Engineering Design and Construction services. The total value of the commitment is \$3,382,948.21, excluding Harmonized Sale Tax (HST).

Work is slated to start in fall 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Librarian recommends that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approves an award of contract with a value of \$3,382,948.21, excluding HST, with Anacond Contracting Inc. for design, materials, and labour to replace branch fire alarm systems at Amesbury Park, Annette Street, Bendale, Deer Park, Downsview, Humber Summit, Victoria Village, and Brentwood.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total value of the award to Anacond Contracting Inc. for eight fire alarm system replacements is \$3,382,948.21 excluding HST, and is funded from the fire alarm system program, which is part of the Multi Branch Renovation Program (SOG) capital budget.

The Director, Finance & Treasurer, has reviewed this financial impact statement and agrees with it.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

The renovation of branches supports many strategic plan priorities and goals, including advancing state of good repair projects to provide welcoming, well-maintained and efficient public and administrative office space

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The fire alarm systems at eight TPL branches are outdated and no longer serviceable. Should they fail they would place the building and its occupants at risk. They are due for replacement with new reliable and modern systems that are compliant with current building codes. This is consistent with the Property Condition Assessment report findings and field inspections conducted by TPL staff.

COMMENTS

TPL plans state of good repair work over a three to five-year horizon, consolidates projects by type (e.g. roofing, HVAC systems, fire alarm systems, etc.), and bundles the procurements. This is an efficient and economical way to procure materials and services, and execute capital projects.

In late 2022, TPL issued an open Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of engineering design and construction for the replacement of eight branch fire alarm systems. Five bidders submitted compliant bids which were analyzed and scored based on pre-established criteria relating to technical qualifications and past experience. The recommended award is to Anacond Contracting Inc. as the only submission that met the minimum threshold score in the technical analysis of the bids received.

Work is slated to start in fall of 2023 at Amesbury Park, Annette Street, Bendale, Deer Park, Downsview, Humber Summit, Victoria Village, and Brentwood.

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