

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

Resolution No. 06-07

For the Purpose of Rejecting the sole Bid for the Oregon Convention Center "North Side AV Control Room, Exhibit and Meeting Spaces Sound System and Specified Infrastructure Replacement" Project.

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2006, MERC staff opened bids submitted for the "North Side AV Control Room, Exhibit and Meeting Spaces Sound System and Specified Infrastructure Replacement" Project; and

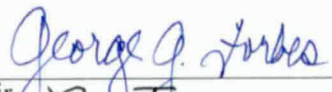


WHEREAS, upon careful analysis, MERC determined that all the bid substantially exceeded the budget established for the project; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to reject all bids submitted for the "North Side AV Control Room, Exhibit and Meeting Spaces Sound System and Specified Infrastructure Replacement" Project.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission hereby finds that it is in the public interest to reject all bids submitted for the "North Side AV Control Room, Exhibit and Meeting Spaces Sound System and Specified Infrastructure Replacement" Project, and accordingly rejects all bids.

Passed by the Commission on April 19, 2006.


Chair 

Secretary-Treasurer

Approved As to Form:
Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

By: 

MERC STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item/Issue: For the purpose of Rejecting Bids for the Oregon Convention Center "North Side AV Control Room, Exhibit and Meeting Spaces Sound System and Specified Infrastructure Replacement"

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Date: April 19, 2006

Presented by: Jeff Blosser

Background: On February 16, 2006, Bids Documents were issued for the "North Side AV Control Room, Exhibit and Meeting Spaces Sound System and Specified Infrastructure Replacement" Project. The "System" requires replacement due to the age and increasing problems with operation of the associated apparatus. Following a Bid Postponement to allow prospective Bidders additional time to complete bid packages, on March 24, 2006, bids were opened and publicly read. One bid was received in the amount of \$1,287,000.00.

Fiscal Impact: The adopted 05-06 budget for the proposed project is \$985,000, constituting a difference of \$302,000.00, or approximately 31% over budget.

Other Considerations: Issues encountered during the bidding process and significant omissions from the original budget estimate from the sound system Consultant, resulted in the substantial difference between the budget and the bid amount. Significant issues included the exclusion of "Prevailing Wage Rates for Public Works Projects" and costs for wiring runs to termination points.

It is the intent of MERC Staff to re-bid the Project as soon as practical following efforts to reduce the scope of the project and better define the design of the system to minimize uncertainties*. In addition, we should not encounter the same issues that were discovered and resolved during the bidding process as they will be addressed in the updated bid specifications.

*One prospective bidder advised that this was the reason they did not bid and intend to file a bid protest if awarded to the sole bidder.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission by Resolution 06-07, reject all bids for the "North Side AV Control Room, Exhibit and Meeting Spaces Sound System and Specified Infrastructure Replacement" Project.