

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 96-51

Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission Resolution 96-51 rejecting the Bid of Modern Custom Upholstery, Gresham, Oregon, for the Civic Auditorium Reupholstery Project.

Whereas, the Civic Auditorium seats are in need of reupholstering, since the remodeling of the facility was completed in 1967 and the seats have not been redone since that time, and

Whereas, Commission Staff subsequently released specifications for bidding and advertised for bids in accordance with standard bidding procedure, and

Whereas, as a result of that bidding process, one bid was received, that bid being from Modern Custom Upholstery, Gresham, Oregon, in the amount of \$142,000, and

Whereas, the anticipated cost of the reupholstery project was \$45,000, which was budgeted accordingly, and

Whereas, following the Bid process, Staff contacted all prospective bidders to ascertain reasons for not submitting bids and determined that certain portions of the Bid Specifications could be modified to potentially bring the bids for the project closer in line with the budget, and

Whereas, Staff negotiations with the only Bidder, Modern Custom Upholstery, to reduce the bid amount, concluded with a project cost of \$85,000 and in addition, certain proposed changes to the technical specifications;

BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission hereby rejects the Bid of Modern Custom Upholstery, Portland, Oregon, in the amount of \$142,000.00, and further directs Staff to proceed immediately to modify the Specifications as may be appropriate and re-bid the project at the earliest possible time.


Chairman

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Secretary/Treasurer

MERC STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item/Issue: Rejection of Bid for the Civic Auditorium Reupholstery Project

Resolution No. 96-51

Date: September 6, 1996

Presented by: Harriet Sherburne

Background and Analysis: The seats in the Civic Auditorium are the original seats from 1967. The upholstery is worn and most, if not all, of the foam padding needs to be replaced. All of the seats, except the box level seats, will be reupholstered in this project. Request for Bids were put out in August and Bids were opened on September 3, 1996. Modern Custom Upholstery was the only responsive and responsible bidder, with a bid of \$142,000.

Financial Considerations: The budget for the reupholstery project was in the range of \$45,000.

Other Considerations: The small response to this project was due in part to certain sections of the Bid Specifications that were unclear and/or overwhelming to some of the bidders. After contacting some of the prospective bidders, Staff has concluded that portions of the Bid Specifications could be modified to bring the bids for the project closer to the budget amount. Modern Custom Upholstery was contacted and negotiations were made to lower the bid. They offered a project cost of \$85,000, with some modifications made to the technical specifications.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission reject the bid of Modern Custom Upholstery by Resolution 96-51 and re-open the bid process for the Civic Auditorium Reupholstery.