

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 96-58

Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission Resolution (MERC) 96-58 accepting the Bid of Aggreko Inc., Auburn, WA, for the EXPO/Smithsonian Temporary Humidification/Dehumidification System (THDS).

Whereas , the MERC and America's Smithsonian 150th Year Traveling Exhibit entered into an Agreement to utilize the new exhibition hall at the EXPO between March 13, 1997, and May 14, 1997, and

Whereas, the MERC agreed to provide a facility that would be compliant with the temperature and humidity requirements for the exhibits of the Smithsonian, and

Whereas, MERC Staff due to financial considerations and in order to meet the requirements of the Smithsonian, opted to rent THDS equipment to augment permanently installed HVAC equipment, and

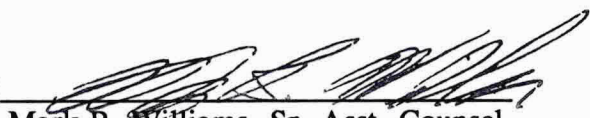
Whereas, MERC subsequently bid the provision of the equipment and received two bids, the lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder being Aggreko Inc., Auburn, WA, for \$110,000.00, and

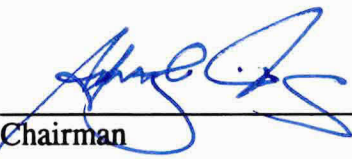
Whereas, the amount of the bid is within the budgeted amount for the equipment rental and has been taken into consideration as part of the building rental agreement with the Smithsonian, and

Whereas, the Smithsonian Staff considers Aggreko Inc. to be an acceptable purveyor for the specified purposes as set forth by the Bid Documents;

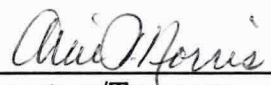
**BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED** that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission hereby accepts the Bid of Aggreko Inc., Auburn WA, in the amount of \$110,000.00 and authorizes the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer to execute a Contract with Aggreko Inc., for the EXPO/Smithsonian Temporary Humidification/Dehumidification System in accordance with the Bid Specifications.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

By:   
Mark B. Williams, Sr. Asst. Counsel

  
Chairman

Date: 10-11-96

  
Secretary/Treasurer

Date: 10-11-96

## MERC STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item/Issue: Acceptance of Bid for the EXPO/Smithsonian Temporary Humidification/Dehumidification System (THDS)

Resolution No. 96-58

Date: October 8, 1996

Presented by: Chris Bailey & Mark Hunter

Background and Analysis: During the initial phases of discussions with the Smithsonian's Designers and Engineers regarding the bringing of the 150th Year Traveling Exhibition to Portland, one of the primary requirements to be brought forth, was that each building to be visited must have precise temperature and humidity conditions maintained to prevent accelerated deterioration or damage to the artifacts therein. Staff researched all possibilities including designing of a permanent system and the rental of temporary equipment to meet the requirements. The permanent design solution at a cost of one to two million dollars was found to be beyond the means of the budget for the project. The temporary solution, to rent equipment for approximately sixty days was estimated at \$125,000. Based on this estimate, MERC Staff subsequently researched the mechanical issues, produced a bid specification and put the project out to bid in mid September. Bids were opened on October 1, 1996, with Aggreko Inc., Auburn, WA, submitting the lowest bid at \$110,000.00, and Munters Corp., Amesbury, MA, submitting the only other bid at 122,951.00. Bid submittals were subsequently reviewed and particulars discussed with METRO General Counsel Staff, and due to some omissions in the bid requirements, MERC Staff delayed determination regarding the responsiveness of the low bidder until such time that all documents were deemed in order. All documents have now been received and are in accordance with the Bid Specifications.

Financial Considerations: Preliminary estimate for provision of the THDS was \$125,000. This amount was considered in the rental agreement with the Smithsonian and is contained in the EXPO operating budget. The amount expended will be considered an equipment rental.

The equipment is scheduled to be installed and operational by March 13, 1997, and removed by May 14, 1997, for the amount of the Bid. Days that the equipment may be required that are less than or more than that time period will be assessed as a reduction or addition respectively at a rate of \$1,833.00 per day.

Other Considerations: The equipment will function in conjunction with the HVAC equipment designed for the building and will not inhibit building operations or interfere with logistical requirements. Aggreko Inc. and their equipment was used successfully for the Smithsonian event in Kansas City and subsequently approved by Smithsonian Engineers as an acceptable Company and system.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission accept the Bid in the amount of \$110,000.00, from Aggreko Inc., Auburn, WA, by Resolution 96-58, and authorize the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer to execute a contract with Aggreko Inc. for the EXPO Temporary Humidification/Dehumidification System.