METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION RECREATION COMMISSION

Resolution No. 05-07

For the purpose of rejecting all bids for the Keller Auditorium Chillers Replacement Project.

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2005, MERC staff opened bids submitted for the Keller Auditorium Chillers Replacement Project; and

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

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to reject all bids submitted for the Keller Auditorium Chillers 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 Keller Auditorium Chillers Replacement Project, and accordingly rejects all bids.

Passed by the Commission on March 23, 2005.

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 Keller Auditorium Chillers

Replacement Project.

Resolution No: 05-07 Date: March 23, 2005 Presented by: Robyn Williams

Background:

On February 14, 2005, Bid Documents were issued for the Keller Auditorium Chiller Replacement Project. The Chillers require replacement due to their age and increasing problems with operation. On March 8, 2005, bids were opened and publicly read. Two bids were received in the amounts of \$272,528.00 and \$332,043.00. The lowest bid was determined to be not responsive and responsible due to the failure of the Bidder to complete the First Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Form, required by State Law.

Fiscal Impact:

The budget for the proposed project is \$200,000. Transference of funds from other projects to make up the difference even for the low bid, is not possible at this time.

Other Considerations:

Certain issues reported by the prospective bidders to have been encountered during the bidding process, could have increased the bid amount. These issues included the manufacturers' inability to provide adequate equipment pricing in a timely manner. It is the plan of MERC Staff to re-bid the Chillers later this year for implementation of the project over the winter months when the Chillers are not needed. In addition, we should not encounter the same issues regarding pricing. Staff has also been advised that market demand should be down at that time, further decreasing the bid amounts.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Staff recommends that the Commission by Resolution 05-07, reject all bids for the Chiller Replacement Project at the Keller Auditorium.