

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting #11 of 2020 Thursday Oct 1 2020

Conference Room 3028

PPC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Arek Joseph (Chairman)

Robert Bodden
Neyka Webster
Andrew Hulse
Andre Iton (Zoom)
Laura Panades-Estruch
Taraq Bashir (Observer)
Robert Tatum (Observer)
Shiann Palmer (Secretary)

PPC MEMBERS EXTENDING APPOLOGIES:

Troy Whoms
Dr. Sidney Ebanks

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm on October 1 2020. The PPC decisions for each item on the agenda is recorded below:

1. PPC-2018-EYSAL-003-RFP New JGHS & Sports Projects A &C. 2nd Update Phase 3-5, Projects A,B & C. Ref KPMG-CTC/16-17/PWD/045.

The PPC reviewed the submission and voted to approve this request.

A brief discussion was held between the Committee Members and the Project Manager Mr. Wayne Riley concerning the submission. Members of the Committee wanted to know why there was now a need for Clerk of Work services for this project, and why it couldn't be handled internally. Mr. Riley explained that a number of changes were brought about by the scope of the work, and changes that were also made in Cabinet. He also stated that there were no internal resources within Government so they had no choice but to hire JEC.

2. <u>PPC-2020-EYSAL-025-RFP Ministry of Education is desirous in procuring laptops for all Government School students.</u>

The PPC reviewed the submission and voted to approve the request.

A brief discussion was held between the Committee Members and the ITC Manager, Mr. Steven Durksen concerning the submission. Mr. Durksen explained that all Government students in the Primary and High Schools across the three islands would be receiving laptops, and the students at the Lighthouse School would be receiving IPads. The procurement also included laptop sleeves, wireless adaptors and anti-theft software. He stated that Alphasoft was chosen because the department has a long standing relationship with them and are quite pleased with their customer service and delivery.

The Committee also wanted to know how success would be measured and if the devices would be insured. Mr. Durksen stated that there was a Computer Acquisition Committee and they would be doing the monitoring, and that it would not be cost effective to insure the devices.

3. <u>PPC-2020-RCIP-032-DA RCIP is desirous in procuring a Direct Award for a maintenance contract for their two airbus helicopters.</u>

The PPC reviewed the submission provided and voted to approve the Direct Award.

A brief discussion was held between the Committee Members and Mr. Steve Fitzgerald concerning the submission. Mr. Fitzgerald explained that Arrow Aviation LLC has historical involvement with the RCIP, from when they brought the first helicopter to the island 10 years ago. He said no other company in the region met the criteria, and without a maintenance contract the helicopter would not be able to operate. He also assured the Committee that the Government would be getting good value for their money by using Arrow Aviation.

The Committee questioned why the opportunity to invite other bidders were not explored, but also noted that they recognized that this would be difficult to achieve because of all the processes that were involved.

Termination of meeting at 3.57 pm

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Chairman

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