

REPORT TO: D.S.O. Committee – 13 May 2002
REPORT ON: Supply of New Lorry Mounted Crane 2002/2003
REPORT BY: Director of Dundee Contract Services
REPORT NO.: 256-2002

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Committee of a price submitted by a specialist lorry crane supplier for a New Lorry Mounted Crane required by Dundee Contract Services for the financial year 2002/2003.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the price quoted from Outreach plc, Falkirk for the sum of £42,926.00 is accepted.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The expenditure of £42,926.00 can be met from the provision of £210,000.00 allowed for the purchase of replacement plant and equipment in Dundee Contract Services 2002/2003 Revenue Budget.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

Redundant equipment will be disposed of in accordance with current regulations and measures taken to ensure Public Safety and recycling of materials wherever possible.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Under Local Government Act 1988 potential suppliers are required to ensure their business complies fully with the Race Relations Act 1976. The company listed complies fully with this Act.

6. MAIN TEXT

The lorry mounted crane operated by Dundee Contract Services is essential to its operations but the crane has developed a defect with potentially serious health and safety implications and repair options available provide no guarantee of success. By contrast the lorry is expected to remain serviceable for a number of years and it is considered "best value" to replace the crane rather than the whole unit at this time.

However, the problems are further compounded as the crane and lorry are a built to match combination, and as both are no longer produced, severely restricts choice with regard to replacement crane options.

Given this situation coupled with the need for the necessary expertise required to install this equipment without affecting the units operational capabilities, it is considered that Outreach should supply and fit the crane without recourse to the tendering process as would normally be the case.

7. CONSULTATIONS

The Chief Executive and the Director of Finance has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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