

Request for Decision

Election Voting Equipment & Services For The 2014 Municipal Election

Presented To:	City Council
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Recommendation

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approve the award of Contract CPS13-9, Request for Proposal for the Election Voting Equipment and Services for the 2014 Municipal Election to Election Systems & Software, Inc. (ES&S) in the amount of \$408,594.00 including HST to be funded from the Election Reserve Fund.

AND THAT the City Clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with Election Systems & Software, Inc. for the provision of voting equipment and services.

Finance Implications

The equipment and services will be funded from the Election Reserve Fund and are within the amount budgeted for this element of the election.

Background

This report is before City Council as the Request for Proposal has a value greater then \$200,000.00. As per the City of Greater Sudbury's Purchasing By-law, City Council must approve the award to the successful bidder.

On October 25, 2012, City Council passed a resolution which authorized the use of electronic voting during the advanced vote period as well as the use of optical scan vote tabulators and voter assist terminals for the October 27, 2014 Municipal Election.

A Request for Proposal was issued and bids were obtained for an internet voting solution for use during the advanced vote period as well as for voter registration equipment, tabulators, voting equipment, ballot on demand printers and related services for paper ballot/tabulator count at in person voting locations on election day, and voter assist terminals for use by persons with disabilities at advance in person voting locations only .

Proposals for CPS13-9 were opened at the Tender Opening Committee meeting of November 13, 2013.

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Two (2) submissions were received. The submissions were reviewed and rated by six (6) staff members including representatives from Information Technology and Clerk's Services. The evaluation was based on specific criteria provided to the proponents in the Request for Proposal: Functional Requirements; Technical Capabilities; Vendor Support; Cost; and Experience and References.

As Election Systems & Software, Inc. (in partnership with ScytI) scored the highest on the requirements and was the only vendor to submit a fully integrated solution, it is recommended that they be awarded the contract. Election Systems & Software, Inc. has provided election equipment to the City of Greater Sudbury since the City began using tabulators and ScytI's electronic voting solutions have been used in more than 1,000 elections.