

REGION OF OTTAWA-CARLETON
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DATE	27 September 2000
TO/DEST.	Co-ordinator Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee
FROM/EXP.	Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner
SUBJECT/OBJET	REVISED OTTAWA-CARLETON PROJECTIONS, 2001-2031 CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the appointment of The Centre for Spatial Economics, Oakville, to undertake the Region of Ottawa-Carleton Population, Household, Dwelling Unit and Employment Projections, 2001-2031, for a total contract provision of a maximum of \$114,600.

BACKGROUND

The amalgamation of the two levels of local government into the new City of Ottawa in 2001 is anticipated to result in the need for a new Official Plan (OP). The current set of projections, which form the basis for the Regional Official Plan, were finalised in June 1995, five years ago. The review and updating of the current Ottawa-Carleton growth projections is seen as the first step in the process of preparing this new City of Ottawa OP. These new projections of the prospects for population, household, dwelling unit and employment growth will form the basis for the new OP and will therefore have to extend beyond the current planning horizon of 2021. Growth projections in Ottawa to 2031 will help identify long term growth patterns, infrastructure requirements and priorities and future demands for other municipal services, such as parks, recreation facilities, day care, and seniors services, and for schools.

DISCUSSION

Eleven consultant firms were invited to submit proposals to carry out this assignment; two proposals were received. The proposals were evaluated based upon the following criteria; project understanding, study approach and methodology, skills and experience relevant to this project, work plan, budget, minimised study timelines, value for money and overall clarity of the proposal. In addition, the terms of reference stated explicitly that an economic approach be used to prepare the employment projections.

Based on the above criteria, the selection committee is recommending The Centre for Spatial Economics for this assignment. This consulting firm received the highest point score based on the above criteria and they submitted the only proposal which will use an economic model to prepare the employment projections. The assignment cost consists of \$98,600 for consulting fees, a travel allowance of a maximum of \$2,500 and G.S.T. of \$7,077 for a maximum of \$108,177. Staff recommend a contingency of \$6,423 in case additional meetings or presentations are required.

CONSULTATION

Upon completion of draft projections, a meeting with stakeholders will be held in order to provide them the opportunity to understand the assumptions behind the projections and to offer comments before the preparation of the final report.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

New projections of population, household, dwelling unit and employment growth are required at this time for several reasons. The current ones were prepared in 1995. Recent growth in Ottawa-Carleton is higher than anticipated and the long term impact of this growth needs to be assessed. Finally, with the move to the new City of Ottawa there is a need for a review of the strategic directions that the City will take. The preparation of revised projections is one step in this process and will provide a basis for a new Official Plan for the new City.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND APPROVAL

Approved Budget to Date	\$1,150,000.00
Total Paid and Committed	800,382.00
Balance Available	349,618.00
THIS REQUEST	114,600.00
Balance Remaining	<u>235,018.00</u>

Funds are available in the 2000 Capital Budget, Account No. 912-33420 (SAP Order No. 900005) Studies - Servicing and Economic Analysis (Reference Page No. 90-91).

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Committee and Council approve this consultant appointment in order to obtain revised projections of employment, population, households and dwelling units for the Region of Ottawa-Carleton (new City of Ottawa).

Signed by Pamela Sweet

Approved by Nick Tunnacliffe, MCIP, RPP

Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner