

Order Paper Questions

sulting services and did not establish the criteria for selection. The selection criterion for the construction contract was the lowest qualified bidder.

2. (a) (i) As mentioned consulting services were financed by the IBRD. CIDA was not involved in the issue or evaluation of the proposals for consulting services and as a result has not maintained a record of those asked to propose. (ii) The contractors invited to bid on the major construction and installation contract were as follows: 1. Canadian Comstock; 2. Foundation Company of Canada; 3. CANA Construction Limited; 4. Commonwealth Construction Limited; 5. CANRON Limited. Many suppliers were invited to bid on the remaining 16 supply contracts. The lists of those eligible were prepared by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and CIDA and submitted to Merz and McLellan. (b) Canadian Comstock was the successful bidder on the major installation contract. The following firms were successful bidders on the remaining 16 supply contracts: 1. Canadian General Electric; 2. CANRON Limited; 3. Babcock Wilcox Limited; 4. F.P.E. Pioneer Electric; 5. Jeffrey Manufacturing Company Limited; 6. Canadian Overhead Handling; 7. Canadian International Comstock; 8. Wallace Tiernan Limited; 9. Bédard Girard Limited; 10. Canadian Westinghouse International; 11. Bingham Pump Limited; 12. CHECO Engineering; 13. Ruston Diesel Limited; 14. Bédard Girard Limited; 15. Degremont Canada Limited; 16. Marley Canadian Limited.

3. Two bids were received for the major construction and installation contract. They were not comparable as to price because the conditions laid down by one of the bidders differed significantly from the other. In view of the fact that this bidder was not prepared to modify these conditions it was ruled unresponsive and negotiations proceeded with the remaining bidder, Canadian Comstock, and the amount of the bid reduced significantly. The contract was awarded to Canadian Comstock. For the remaining 16 supply contracts only one was not awarded to the lowest bidder, because the materials were not up to the standard required for the project.

4. The final cost of the work will exceed the forecast estimate which was based on the assumption that there would be no changes in the specifications or time frame. The extra costs over the original estimates were a result of modifications and extensions to the work over the life of the contract, and the interpretation and changes which resulted from the use of British design.

5. Records of visits or travel by CIDA and/or Department of External Affairs members are not maintained by project as travel is related to overall programs involving several specific areas of interest and records are normally kept on this basis. Travel costs by CIDA and/or Department of External Affairs members are not charged to project funds.

6. Only Canadian citizens or landed immigrants may be employed on CIDA projects under normal circumstances. There is, however, no record of the number employed, as this information is not required for purposes of payment. Payments are made relative to the specific performance within the scope of work and the payment budget or, according to approved rates by discipline and total time worked, depending on the contract. The actual number of individuals employed is the prerogative of the consultant or contractor.

[Mr. MacEachen.]

ZAMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PROJECT, ZAMBIA

Question No. 3,225—Mr. Paproski:

1. What criteria were used to award the contracts for consulting services and construction for the Zambia Institute of Technology Project in Zambia in 1971?

2. (a) Who were the (i) consultants invited to submit a proposal (ii) contractors invited to submit a bid (b) who was the successful bidder?

3. Was the low bidder awarded the contract for the project and, if not, for what reason?

4. Did the cost of construction exceed the contracted amount and, if so, for what reason?

5. Which members from CIDA and/or the Department of External Affairs visited the job site and were their trips charged to the project?

6. How many Canadians were employed on the project?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. A list of companies was prepared on the basis of competence and normal professional standards from all those registered with CIDA. The criteria for selection were professional qualifications, relevant and related past experience, availability of expertise, ability to undertake the work, overseas experience and language requirements. The list of five companies was presented to the SSEA with CIDA's recommendations for his approval. The construction contract was not awarded by CIDA, the criteria for selection are therefore not on record.

2. (a) (i) Within the financial limits of the project, no proposal call was required. The firm of "No. 10 Architectural Group" was selected. (ii) Not applicable to this project as the construction contract was not awarded or financed by CIDA. (b) Not applicable to this project as the construction contract was not awarded or financed by CIDA.

3. Not applicable to this project as the construction contract was not awarded or financed by CIDA.

4. Not applicable as the cost of construction was not paid from CIDA's funds, a comparison of actual versus contracted cost of construction is, therefore, not on record.

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TUNIS-KORBA TRANSMISSION PROJECT IN TUNISIA

Question No. 3,226—Mr. Paproski:

1. What criteria were used to award the contracts for consulting services and construction for the Tunis-Korba Transmission Project in Tunisia in 1970?

2. (a) Who were the (i) consultants invited to submit a proposal (ii) contractors invited to submit a bid (b) who was the successful bidder?