

Hamilton Township Fire District No. 3
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To: The Board of Fire Commissioners
Hamilton Township Fire District No. 3
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Subject: Recommendation for Bid Award

A committee of representatives of each participating Fire District has reviewed all of the sealed bids that were received by the Board on Tuesday April 8, 2014 for the Vehicle Maintenance and Repair. Five (5) Vendors picked up the bid package and we received four (4) sealed bids from vendors. All of the bid proposals met our bid specification with some exceptions. Attached is a comparison of pricing.

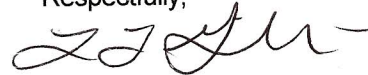
The committee met to review the proposals and we submitted the pricing comparison and question for Attorney review to District No. 3's Legal Counsel. The Attorney comments are below;

- *"In determining the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" there are many things you can consider. The distance from the firehouses is certainly a legitimate determinant. However, the test of whether a disqualifier is reasonable is generally going to be based on the primary pricing in the bid. So, it would seem to me that the PM pricing, which focuses on specific apparatus and scheduled maintenance, is likely to be viewed as the primary bid spec. I say that because, you could have bid PM and hourly in separate bids but you combined them. Also, it is difficult to understand what impact the difference in parts mark-up would have."*

After reviewing all bid proposals and Attorney comments, it is the committee's recommendation that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hamilton Township Fire District No. 3, on behalf of all participating Hamilton Fire Districts, award the bid for the Vehicle Maintenance and Repair to Fire Apparatus Repair, Inc. of 2740 Kuser Road Hamilton, NJ 08691 at the bid amounts enclosed in their proposal.

If there are any questions on this matters please contact me at your convenience.

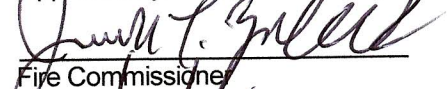
Respectfully,



Thomas T. Gribbin
Fire Chief

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Approved by,



Fire Commissioner

5/12/14

Date