

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

Resolution No. 143 - 1953 Rejecting Proposals for Contract M-9

WHEREAS the Commission has duly advertised, according to law, for bids upon a contract for the furnishing of fabricated structural steel for Design Section D-9 of Ohio Turnpike Project No. 1, which contract is designated Contract M-9, and proof of said advertising is before the Commission;

WHEREAS bids for the performance of said contract have been received, and were duly opened and read as provided in the published notice for said bids, and said bids are before this meeting;

WHEREAS said bids have been analyzed by the Commission's consulting engineer, and by its chief engineer, and they have reported thereon to the Commission with respect to said analysis and made their recommendations predicated thereon;

WHEREAS a number of said bids contain certain serious irregularities and ambiguities, as follows: One of said bids appears to be on an unspecified basis other than a per-pound basis, although it was the reasonable intentment of the invitation for bids that same be on a per-pound basis, and said bid is, therefore, ambiguous; another of said bids was a bid per hundred weight, and not per pound, and is, therefore, to that extent not responsive to the advertisement for bids; another of said bids was not accompanied by the bid security required by the law and by the conditions of bidding specified by the Commission, and also was not accompanied by a financial statement;

WHEREAS the Commission considers that others of the bids received for the aforesaid contract are too high in price, and that the bids received are as a whole unsatisfactory; and

WHEREAS the Commission's consulting engineer and chief engineer have recommended that all of the bids for said contract be rejected by reason of the aforesaid irregularities and ambiguities, of the difficulty and uncertainty which would attend any determination as to which bid is the lowest and best, and of the high prices quoted in the bids which do not contain such irregularities and ambiguities; and the Commission's general counsel has advised the Commission that such recommendation is, in his opinion, warranted, and that there is no doubt that the Commission has the right to reject any and all bids for said contract as recommended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that all bids heretofore received for structural steel Contract M-9 be, and hereby they are, rejected; and each of the chairman and the chief engineer is authorized to return to the respective bidders all certified checks held by the Commission as security for any of the aforesaid bids; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the chief engineer and general counsel are directed to cause said contract to be readvertised; and that the chief engineer shall take and open bids for the same pursuant to such readvertisement, and shall report the results thereof to the Commission.

Adoption moved by Mr. Allen

Motion seconded by Mr. Keenan

Voting Yes: all

Voting No: \_\_\_\_\_