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## JACKSON: PAN AM RFPs ARE A SHAM

**Queen's Park-** Today, MPP Rod Jackson, Pan/Parapan American Games Accountability Critic, hosted a press conference with Dr. Michael Soltys, Professor at McMaster University.

Soltys raised questions about the bid process for the Pan/Parapan American Games security contract that went to Contemporary for \$81 million - \$14 million more than the next bidder.

"The security RPF for Pan Am security procurement included mathematical anomalies that allowed extremely expensive bidders to win," explained Soltys. "In fact, their bid could have been \$40 million more and they still could have won."

"I just want to get to the bottom of what is wrong with the Government's RFP practices that allow the highest bidders to win contracts," said Jackson.

Jackson explained that questionable tendering practices have characterized these Games. There have been problems with:

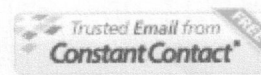
- union monopolies in Hamilton;
- RFPs shamelessly framed to bidders who have sponsored the Games; and
- value for money issues with the equestrian and security contracts.

"This Government needs to stop gouging the tax payer to make a few of their friends happy," concluded Jackson.

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