

ITEM 12. TENDER - CBD STREETScape UPGRADE STAGE 3A - CONSTRUCTION**FILE NO: C17073****TENDER NO: 0656 0657 and 0658****SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to award construction contracts for the remaining 3 projects of the stage 3A CBD streetscape upgrade projects, being parts of Liverpool Street East and West, and part of Elizabeth Street.

In March 2006, Council resolved to approve an ongoing program of streetscape improvements. The selected stage 3A projects are identified in Attachment A.

The stage 3A projects continue to build on the CBD stage 1 projects completed in July 2006 and the CBD stage 2 projects which are nearing completion. The stage 3A College Street project was the subject of an earlier Council report.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

(A) Council accept the following tenders:

- (1) Tender No. 0656 – Company “A” be appointed for the upgrade of Liverpool Street West between Harbour and Sussex Streets subject to approved DA consent from SHFA;
- (2) Tender No. 0657 – Company “B” be appointed for the upgrade of Liverpool Street East, south side between Nithsdale and Commonwealth Streets;
- (3) Tender No. 0658 – Company “A” be appointed for the upgrade of Elizabeth Street between Liverpool and Campbell Streets; and

(B) Tender Evaluation Summary, Attachment B to the subject report, remain confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(D) of the Local Government Act 1993.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Plan showing locations of CBD1, CBD2 and CBD 3A streetscape upgrade project locations.

Attachment B: Tender Evaluation Summary (confidential)

BACKGROUND

1. At the Council meeting held on 20 March 2006, it was resolved to approve an ongoing program of CBD Streetscape upgrade projects as part of the Capital Works program.
2. The CBD Streetscape upgrade program builds on existing projects already implemented and will consolidate the public domain by completing major corridors within the CBD.
3. The CBD stage 1 projects were constructed between January and July 2006. The construction of the CBD stage 2 projects commenced in July 2006.
4. Four projects were selected from potential projects to form the stage 3A projects (identified in Attachment A) for construction in 2007.
5. The College Street project immediately adjacent to Sydney Grammar School (Project A in Attachment A), was the subject of a previous report to Council.
6. The remaining three projects that comprise the CBD stage 3A projects are the subject of this report (projects B,C and D in Attachment A).
7. The scope of works for these projects is similar to the previous CBD streetscape upgrade projects and includes:
 - (a) new granite paving;
 - (b) new pedestrian ramp crossings to improve disability access;
 - (c) new street trees (in selected projects where they can be accommodated); and
 - (d) new smartpoles (in selected projects where existing poles have not been upgrade or intersections require completion).
8. The Liverpool Street West project located between Sussex and Harbour Streets lies within the consent of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) and is the subject of a development application to SHFA.
9. Meetings and discussions held with SHFA during the design and documentation stage of the project have confirmed their support for the proposed upgrade works.
10. The DA for the Liverpool Street project is currently on exhibition. Approval from SHFA to undertake the works is expected by the end of 2006.
11. The CBD 3A projects will unite and complete areas within the CBD where sections of footpath have been partially completed.

INVITATION TO TENDER

12. The invitation to tender was advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald and the Daily Telegraph on 10 October 2006 with tenders closing on 31 October 2006.

TENDER SUBMISSIONS

13. A total of three submissions for each of the tenders were received from the following organisations:
- Ford Civil Contracting Pty Ltd
 - GMW Urban Pty Ltd
 - Kingston Industries Pty Ltd

TENDER EVALUATION

14. All members of the Tender Evaluation Panel have signed Pecuniary Interest Declarations. No pecuniary interests were noted.
15. The relative ranking of tenders as determined from the total weighted score is provided in the Confidential Tender Evaluation Summary – Attachment A.
16. All submissions were assessed in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria being:
- (a) Tender price
 - (b) Compliance with specification / Team/ Resources
 - (c) Service Provision / Methodology / Program
 - (d) Experience in similar projects / References
 - (e) Occupational Health and Safety
 - (f) Financial and commercial trading integrity / Insurances

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

17. The City will ensure that performance standards are monitored during construction by:
- (a) attending weekly site meetings and inspections with contractors;
 - (b) undertaking Quality Assurance Inspections with Council's Design Consultant at critical points;
 - (c) ensuring that the contractor delivers all necessary OH&S Plans, work method statements, inspection and test plans and certificates of compliance as specified in the tender documents for Council review;
 - (d) ensuring that approved traffic and pedestrian management plans are adhered to;
 - (e) through the provision of value incentives as specified in the contract document; and
 - (f) monitoring the contractor's program and assessing monthly progress claims.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

18. Funds are available within the Capital Works program for CBD Upgrades 2006/2007.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

19. The tender has been conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the City's Contracts Policy.
20. Information provided by tenderers which is commercial-in-confidence has been protected and will not be disclosed in accordance with section 10A(2)(D) of the Local Government Act 1993. A consistent standard for all tenderers has been used in assessing any request for confidentiality by a tenderer.
21. The works primarily consist of replacement of existing asphalt footpath with new granite paving. This can be undertaken by the City under the Local Government Act 1993 and the Central Sydney DCP 1996 section 13.1.3 – Exempt Development without the requirement for a DA.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

22. The following are critical dates for the projects:
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| (a) Council Resolution to award construction contracts | 11 December 2006 |
| (b) Contract award to contractors | 22 December 2006 |
| (c) Contractor mobilisation and commencement on site | January/February 2007 |
| (d) Works completed | July 2007 |

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

23. Notices advising of Council's intention to undertake new streetscape upgrade works have been delivered to stakeholders immediately affected by the proposed works.
24. Meetings have been held with all affected stakeholders and Council officers during the design and documentation stage of the projects. The meetings discussed project details, program and impact on affected parties.
25. Stakeholder comments were incorporated into the project program which resulted in the acceleration of one project and the deferral of some sections of work within other project areas.
26. A display of the project boards detailing the proposed works is being co-ordinated as part of the ongoing community consultation process.
27. Stakeholders will also be invited to attend an information session with Council staff to address project specific concerns prior to the commencement of the works on site.

28. Information about the CBD Streetscape Upgrade Projects is available on the City Improvements page of Council's website. The web page has been prepared to provide the public with more detailed information on each project; this will be update during the construction works.

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