

**ITEM 13. TENDER - CBD STREETSCAPES UPGRADE – KENT AND BATHURST STREETS****FILE NO: S045100****TENDER NO: 0661 and 0662****SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to award construction contracts for 2 projects of the Town Hall Surrounds streetscape upgrade projects.

The Town Hall Surrounds projects are part of the ongoing program of streetscape improvements being undertaken across the CBD. The selected Town Hall Surrounds projects are identified in Attachment A.

The Town Hall Surrounds projects continue to build on the CBD stage 1 projects completed in July 2006 and the CBD stage 2 projects which are nearing completion, and the stage 3A projects that are being run concurrently with the Town Hall Surrounds projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the following tenders:
- (1) Tender No. 0661 – Company “ A “ be appointed for the upgrade of Kent Street between Bathurst and Druitt Streets;
  - (2) Tender No. 0662 – Company “A“ be appointed for the upgrade of Bathurst Street, between George and Kent 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 CBD streetscape upgrade project locations.

**Attachment B:** Tender Evaluation Summary (confidential).

**BACKGROUND**

1. The CBD Streetscape upgrade program builds on existing projects already implemented and will consolidate the public domain by completing major corridors within the CBD.
2. The CBD stage 1 projects were constructed between January and July 2006. The construction of the CBD stage 2 projects commenced in July 2006.
3. The Town Hall Surrounds projects aim to complete the upgrade of streetscapes around Town Hall that was begun along George St as part of the preparation for the 2000 Olympics. The remaining projects run along Kent, Bathurst and DrUITT Streets.
4. Two projects were selected from potential projects to form the Town Hall Surrounds projects for construction in 2007. Projects F (Kent Street) and G (Bathurst Street) as shown on Attachment A are the subject of this report.
5. The remaining Project E (DrUITT Street) is currently in the design phase and is planned for construction in 2007/08 capital works program.
6. 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);
  - (d) New smartpoles (in selected projects where existing poles have not been upgrade or intersections require completion).
7. These projects will build on the Councils vision to improve the public domain along the major corridors within the CBD.

**INVITATION TO TENDER**

8. The invitation to tender was advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald and the Daily Telegraph on 17 October 2006 with tenders closing on 7 November 2006.

**TENDER SUBMISSIONS**

9. A total of two submissions for each of the tenders were received from the following organisations:
  - Ford Civil Contracting Pty Ltd
  - GMW Urban Pty Ltd

**TENDER EVALUATION**

10. All members of the Tender Evaluation Panel have signed Pecuniary Interest Declarations. No pecuniary interests were noted.

11. The relative ranking of tenders as determined from the total weighted score is provided in the Confidential Tender Evaluation Summary – Attachment B.
12. 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
13. Tender No. 0661 – Kent Street
  - (a) Company “A” submitted the lowest conforming price and was the highest ranked tenderer for the Kent Street project.
14. Tender No. 0662 – Bathurst Street
  - (a) Company “A” submitted the lowest conforming price and was the highest ranked tenderer for the Bathurst Street project.

**PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT**

15. 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**

16. Funds are available within the Capital Works program for 2006/07 and for 2007/08 for these projects.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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**

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

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

21. Notices advising of Council's intention to undertake new streetscape upgrade works have been delivered to stakeholders immediately affected by the proposed works.
22. Meetings have been held with 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.
23. Stakeholder comments were incorporated into the project program which resulted in the final staging of the projects allowing for stakeholder activities such as school holiday periods and Easter celebrations.
24. As the final stage of consultation, stakeholders were invited to review a display of project boards detailing the proposed works at Level 1 Town Hall House from 27 November to 1 December 2006.
25. Stakeholders were also invited to attend an information session with Council staff to discuss project specific issues on 28 November 2006.

26. 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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