

ITEM 17. TENDER - SMALL PARKS 2006-07 DESIGN CONSULTANCY**FILE NO: SO47563****TENDER NO: 0668****SUMMARY**

An audit of the City's small parks and playgrounds has been undertaken. The program for their upgrade has been prioritised according to their condition and local needs. The program has been staged over a period of years. Stages 1 to 6 have been completed.

The purpose of this report is to report on the evaluation of tenders for the design consultancy services for 24 parks across the LGA and to recommend approval of the preferred tenderers.

The 24 parks have been broken into 4 packages to allow staging and prioritising with the design consultancies to undertake issues analysis and concept design, design development and documentation and construction stage services.

The park locations are shown in Attachment A.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Company 'P' to undertake design services for stages 7 and 9 of the Small Park Upgrades;
- (B) Council accept the tender offer of Company 'O', to undertake design services for stages 8 and 10 of the Small Park Upgrades; and
- (C) 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:** Park Locations**Attachment B:** Tender Evaluation Summary (Confidential)

BACKGROUND

1. The Small Parks Upgrades is an ongoing program which followed from an assessment of the condition and needs of all the small and "pocket" style parks throughout the whole local government area post amalgamation. Thirty-one (31) parks have been upgraded or are nearing completion as part of Stages 1-6 of the program.
2. The Small Park Upgrades 2006/07 earmarks 24 further parks for upgrade across the LGA as part of the City's ongoing park improvement program (Attachment A).
3. The small parks to be upgraded provide vital open space in densely populated areas and have been targeted due to non conforming play equipment and poor amenity.
4. New works will include upgraded playgrounds, planting, paving, furniture and lighting as required.
5. The 24 parks have been divided into 4 packages to simplify delivery. The 4 packages have been dealt with as 2 tenders in order to achieve economies of scale.
6. The design consultancies include identifying and analysing issues with the park, concept design, design development and documentation and construction stage services.

INVITATION TO TENDER

7. The tender for the Small Park Upgrades was advertised on 24 October 2006 in the Sydney Morning Herald and the Daily Telegraph. Tenders closed on 14 November 2006.

TENDER SUBMISSIONS

8. A total of 17 submissions were received from the following organisations:
 - Anton James Design
 - Atlantis Urban Design
 - Complete Urban Solutions
 - DEM
 - Environmental Partnership
 - Habitation
 - Hassell
 - HBO + EMTB
 - iScape
 - Jane Irwin Landscape Architecture

- Johnson Pilton Walker
- NSW Department of Commerce – Government Architect's Office
- Phillips Marler
- Scott Murray and Associates
- Sue Barnsley Design
- Terragram
- Tract Consultants

TENDER EVALUATION

9. All members of the Tender Evaluation Panel have signed Pecuniary Interest Declarations. No pecuniary interests were noted.
10. The relative ranking of tenders as determined from the total weighted score is provided in the Confidential Tender Evaluation Summary – Attachment B.
11. All submissions were assessed in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria being:
 - (a) Tender Price
 - (b) Project Approach
 - (c) Project Team and Resource Allocation
 - (d) Relevant experience
 - (e) Program
 - (f) Conditions and Assumptions
 - (g) Insurances
 - (h) OH&S
12. Due to the extent (24 parks), complexity and accelerated program the evaluation panel recommended delivery as two packages. Tenderers P and O met all the required criteria, exhibited the professional skills and experience required to deliver the projects. Tender P is recommended for Packages 7 & 9. Tenderer O is recommended for Packages 8 & 10. This enables the packages to be developed and delivered concurrently.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

13. The performance of Tenders P and O will be measured by conformance to the Tender Documents, inclusive of the Project Brief at each of the project stages.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

14. The Capital Works Program in the 2006/07 Corporate Plan includes a budget of \$2.8 for the upgrade of small parks over the 2006/07 and 2007/08 financial years.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

15. 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.
16. 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.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

17. Once approved the project will proceed in accordance with the following stages:
- (a) Engagement: January 2007
 - (b) Issues Analysis and Concept Development (stage 7 & 8)
 - (c) Design Development and Documentation (stage 7 & 8)
 - (d) Construction Services (stage 7 & 8)
 - (e) Issues Analysis and Concept Development (stage 9 & 10)
 - (f) Design Development and Documentation (stage 9 & 10)
 - (g) Construction Services (stage 9 & 10)
18. The construction of all 4 packages is anticipated for completion by the end of 2007/08.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

19. A public engagement strategy will be developed for each park within this project. Depending on the size and complexity of work, the strategy may vary from flyers to a public meeting.

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