

**ITEM 11. TENDER – IAN THORPE AQUATIC CENTRE SURROUNDS –
TRAFFIC AND STREETScape WORKS**

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SUMMARY

This report provides details of the tenders received for streetscape upgrade works in Harris Street, near the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre (ITAC).

The scope of work includes the demolition and replacement of existing asphalt paving with new concrete paving, and the construction of a non State Transit Authority (STA) bus bay to service the aquatic centre. Existing kerb alignments will generally be retained except for re-alignment of the east side kerbs at the William Henry/Harris Street intersection. Works also include adjustment and / or replacement of service pits as necessary, relocation of Energy Australia high voltage cables, and installation of new Smartpoles™.

This report recommends that Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer 'A' for the ITAC Surrounds – Traffic and Streetscape Works.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer 'A' for Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre Surrounds - Traffic and Streetscape Works;
- (B) Council note the proposed transfer of funding from future years' forward estimates; 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: Plan of Works

Attachment B: Tender Evaluation Summary (Confidential)

BACKGROUND

1. The Local Action Plan strategy and consultation undertaken in 2006 for the City West Zone, covering Pyrmont Ultimo, identified the integrated and comprehensive revitalisation of Harris Street as the number one community request for this zone.
2. City Projects undertook a detailed review and analysis of Harris Street, which resulted in the Harris Street Scoping Report being endorsed by Council on 10 March 2008.
3. The status of the ITAC project was updated in a Memo circulated to the Lord Mayor and Councillors in the 5 September 2008 CEO Update.
4. The key elements of the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre Surrounds - Traffic and Streetscape Works upgrade proposal are:
 - (a) provision of new concrete aggregate paving to footpaths;
 - (b) construction of a new bus bay outside ITAC, for use by ITAC patrons. This is a requirement of the original aquatic centre DA that was never completed in the construction of the aquatic centre;
 - (c) footpath widening and re-alignments to the William Henry/Harris Street intersection to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety;
 - (d) relocation of shallow Energy Australia underground cables to suit new bus bay;
 - (e) new Smartpoles to replace the Energy Australia light poles and retention of the existing Louis Poulsen light poles; and
 - (f) new bicycle racks.

INVITATION TO TENDER

5. The tender for the construction of the ITAC Surrounds - Traffic and Streetscape Works was advertised on 7 October 2008 and closed on 28 October 2008.

TENDER SUBMISSIONS

6. Seven (7) submissions were received from the following organisations:
 - Eco Civil Constructions
 - Ford Civil
 - Glascott Group
 - GMW Urban
 - Kingston Civil
 - QMC Group
 - Sydney Civil

7. No late submissions were received.

TENDER EVALUATION

8. All members of the Tender Evaluation Panel have signed Pecuniary Interest Declarations. No pecuniary interests were noted.
9. The relative ranking of tenders as determined from the total weighted score is provided in the Confidential Tender Evaluation Summary – Attachment A.
10. All submissions were assessed in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria being:
- (a) tender price;
 - (b) resources including key personnel and subcontractors and community liaison;
 - (c) company profile including experience in similar projects, references, plant and equipment, QA & environmental management;
 - (d) construction program;
 - (e) proposed methodology;
 - (f) traffic management plan;
 - (g) site amenities and storage area;
 - (h) Occupational Health and Safety; and
 - (i) financial and commercial trading integrity / insurances.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

11. The City will ensure that performance standards are achieved during construction through:
- (a) quality assurance inspections undertaken by the head consultant;
 - (b) review of all necessary project and construction management plans including project specific safety plans, work method statements, inspection and test plans and traffic and pedestrian management plans etc. provided by the contractor;
 - (c) monthly review of construction program and progress;
 - (d) ensuring that approved traffic and pedestrian management plans are adhered to;
 - (e) day-to-day liaison (including weekly site meetings) and inspections with contractor; and
 - (f) applying the value incentives in accordance with the contract, to motivate the successful delivery in stages with minimum disturbance to community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. There are funds allocated for this project within the current year's capital works budget, however supplementary funding from the Harris Street Upgrade project will need to be brought forward from 2010/11 to 2009/10 to complete the project. Full details are provided within the confidential report Attachment B.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. The works which fall outside the scope approved under development application number DA292-09-02, for the Ultimo Aquatic Centre (now called the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre) are on roads and footpaths. These works 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 a DA.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

16. The following are critical dates for project delivery:
 - (a) Contract award to contractor December 2008
 - (b) Contractor mobilisation and site establishment mid-January 2009
 - (c) Commence construction early February 2008
 - (d) Complete Construction Works September 2009

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

17. The concept design for the ITAC Surrounds - Traffic and Streetscape Works was publicly exhibited for a period of four weeks.
18. Information about the project is available on the City Improvements page of Council's website. The information on the web page will be updated regularly during the construction phase.
19. During construction:
 - (a) updates will be provided to community on a regular basis; and
 - (b) City Projects and the contractor will be holding regular meetings with the community to address any concerns.

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