

ITEM 5

TENDER T1000049 - CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALL - LAKE HEIGHTS ROAD, LAKE HEIGHTS

This report recommends acceptance of a tender for the construction of a retaining wall at Lake Heights Road, Lake Heights in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

The primary objective of this project is to replace an existing crib lock retaining wall which is at the end of its asset life. Associated works include a Sydney Water main realignment, an Endeavour Energy power pole relocation, relocation of Telstra pits, new stairs, footpaths, kerb and gutter and balustrading.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 In accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accept the tender of The RIX Group Pty Ltd for the construction of a retaining wall at Lake Heights Road, Lake Heights in the sum of \$2,205,524.72 inclusive of GST.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to finalise and execute the contract and any other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.
- 3 Council grant authority for the use of the Common Seal of Council on the contract and any other documentation, should it be required, to give effect to this resolution.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Glenn Whittaker, Manager Project Delivery

Authorised by: Joanne Page, Director Infrastructure + Works - Connectivity Assets + Liveable City

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Locality Map

BACKGROUND

The existing crib lock wall at Lake Heights Road, Lake Heights has reached the end of its asset life and requires replacement. The scope of works includes building a new retaining wall in front of the existing wall using a combination of piers, soil anchors and shotcrete to stabilise the area.

Due to the proximity of the wall to an existing Sydney Water main the first stage of works will include realigning the watermain to a location away from the retaining wall. An existing Endeavour Energy pole and several Telstra pits also require relocation to accommodate the works.

The retaining wall is approximately 90 metres long and includes upper and lower footpaths, stairs and balustrading that will all be replaced as part of these works.

Tenders were invited for this project by the open tender method with a close of tenders of 10.00 am on 8 March 2022.

Two (2) tenders were received by the close of tenders and all tenders have been scrutinised and assessed by a Tender Assessment Panel constituted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policies and Procedures and comprising representatives of the Project Delivery, Infrastructure, Strategy and Planning and Governance and Customer Service Divisions.

The Tender Assessment Panel assessed all tenders in accordance with the following assessment criteria and weightings as set out in the formal tender documents:

Mandatory Criteria

- 1 Satisfactory references from referees for previous projects of similar size and scope
- 2 Financial assessment acceptable to Council which demonstrates the tenderer’s financial capacity to undertake the works
- 3 Health and Safety Policy and WHS Management System Manual or Plan
- 4 Accredited by Sydney Water to undertake the watermain realignment works
- 5 Accredited by Endeavour Energy to undertake the power pole relocation works

Assessable Criteria

- 1 Cost to Council - 35%
- 2 Appreciation of scope of works and construction methodology – 15%
- 3 Experience and satisfactory performance in undertaking projects of similar size, scope and risk profile – 15%
- 4 Staff qualifications and experience – 5%
- 5 Proposed sub-contractors – 10%
- 6 Project Schedule – 5%
- 7 Demonstrated strengthening of local economic capacity – 10%
- 8 Workplace Health and Safety Management System and Environmental Management Policies and Procedures – 5%

The mandatory assessment criteria have been met by the recommended tenderer.

The Tender Assessment Panel utilised a weighted scoring method for the assessment of tenders which allocates a numerical score out of 5 in relation to the level of compliance offered by the tenders to each of the assessment criteria as specified in the tender documentation. The method then takes into account pre-determined weightings for each of the assessment criteria which provides for a total score out of 5 to be calculated for each tender. The tender with the highest total score is considered to be the tender that best meets the requirements of the tender documentation in providing best value to Council. Table 1 below summarises the results of the tender assessment and the ranking of tenders.

TABLE 1 – SUMMARY OF TENDER ASSESSMENT

Name of Tenderer	Ranking
The RIX Group Pty Ltd	1
GC Civil Contracting Pty Ltd	2

PROPOSAL

Council should authorise the engagement of The RIX Group Pty Ltd to carry out the works in accordance with the scope of works and technical specifications developed for the project.

The recommended tenderer has satisfied the Tender Assessment Panel that it is capable of undertaking the works to Council’s standards and in accordance with the technical specification.

An acceptable financial capability assessment has been received in relation to the recommended tenderer.

Referees nominated by the recommended tenderer have been contacted by the Tender Assessment Panel and expressed satisfaction with the standard of work and methods of operation undertaken on their behalf.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

- 1 Members of the Tender Assessment Panel
- 2 Nominated Referees

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal 6 “We have affordable and accessible transport”.

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Transport Services Service Plan 2021-22.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk in accepting the recommendation of this report is considered low on the basis that the tender process has fully complied with Council’s Procurement Policies and Procedures and the Local Government Act 1993.

The risk of the project works is considered medium based upon Council’s risk assessment matrix and appropriate risk management strategies will be implemented.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The project scope includes building a new wall in front of the existing wall which reduces waste generation that would otherwise be required in removing and replacing the wall.

The new wall has been designed using steel coatings and shotcrete cover to provide a long-term design life.

Local economic development was an assessment criterion when assessing tenders.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the total project be funded from the following source/s as identified in the Operational Plan –

2021/22 Capital Budget

CONCLUSION

The RIX Group Pty Ltd has submitted an acceptable tender for these works and Council should endorse the recommendations of this report.



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