

ITEM 13 TENDER T1000095 - GROSS POLLUTANT TRAPS AND STORMWATER DRAINAGE CLEANING

This report recommends acceptance of tenders for industrial cleaning services for Council's stormwater drainage network including GPTs in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021. One (1) Primary & three (3) Secondary Suppliers are proposed to be engaged for an initial period of two (2) years, with options of three (3) x one (1) year, with such extensions exercisable at the sole discretion of Council.

Council manages a stormwater drainage network that includes over 835km of stormwater pipes, 30,400 stormwater pits, and 57 gross pollutant traps (GPTs) across the Local Government Area. The GPTs divert and capture debris, litter, and sediment from entering waterways. The stormwater network including GPTs requires routine and / or reactive maintenance and cleaning to maintain the flow and quality of stormwater.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 In accordance with Section 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council accept the tenders shown in Table 1 for the provision of GPT & Stormwater Drainage Cleaning with a Primary and three (3) Secondary Suppliers, for an initial two (2) year contract term, with options to extend for periods of 3 x 1 years, at the sole discretion of Council.
- 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: Roger Stewardson, Manager City Works
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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

BACKGROUND

Council manages a stormwater drainage network that includes over 835km of stormwater pipes, 30,400 stormwater pits, and 57 gross pollutant traps (GPTs) across the Local Government Area. The GPTs are designed to divert and capture debris, litter from entering waterways. GPTs require regular cleaning to ensure they are functioning efficiently. After significant stormwater runoff, stormwater drains, and pipes can become blocked and require cleaning.

This current tender is replacing the former Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation (ISJO) Panel that was established in 2018 for GPT cleaning. The Panel members performed well and were invited to tender for the new Supplier panel. By using a Primary (and secondary supplier if required) Council will see improved contractor management through reduced site induction and cleaning times due to familiarity with the scope and sites.

This tender has been undertaken to develop a panel of suppliers for GPT & Stormwater Drainage cleaning. The tender has established a Schedule of Rates and looks to appoint a Primary and three (3) Secondary suppliers as part of this panel.

Tenders were invited for these works by the open tender method with a close of tenders of 10.00 am on 22nd March 2023.

Five (5) tenders were received by the close of tenders. All tenders have been scrutinised and assessed by a Tender Evaluation Panel constituted in accordance with Council's Procurement Framework, and related policies and procedures. The evaluating members of the panel comprised representatives of the City Works and Infrastructure Strategy + Planning Divisions in consultation with representatives from the Governance + Customer Service business units.

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. Workplace Health and Safety plus Environmental Management System / Accreditation.
4. Sydney Water Accreditation (Tap in / permit to dispose to sewer)

Assessable Criteria

1. Cost to Council - 50%
2. Demonstrated Strengthening of Local Economic Capacity – 10%
3. Appreciation of scope of works and construction methodology – 15%
4. Experience and satisfactory performance in undertaking projects of similar size, scope, and risk profile, including staff qualifications and experience - 20%
5. Workplace Health and Safety management system and Environmental Management policies and procedures - 5%

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

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
Total Drain Cleaning Services	PRIMARY (1)
Urban Asset Solutions	SECONDARY (2)
Cleanaway Waste Management	SECONDARY (3)
Pipe Management Australia	SECONDARY (4)
Dynamic Hydro Excavations	NON-CONFORMING

PROPOSAL

Council should authorise the engagement of the listed service providers to carry out the GPT & stormwater drainage cleaning in accordance with the scope of works and technical specifications developed for the project.

The recommended tenderers have satisfied the Tender Assessment Panel that they can undertake the works to Council's standards and in accordance with the technical specification.

The panel has reviewed the contractor performance reports, and the recommended suppliers had demonstrated satisfactory performance with respect to standards of work, safety, work management and completion.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

1. Members of the Tender Evaluation Panel
2. Nominated referees

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of *Our Wollongong Our Future 2032 Community Strategic Plan* - Goal 1 – We value and protect our environment. It specifically delivers on *Objective 1.2 – Manage and effectively improve the cleanliness, health, biodiversity of land and water including creeks, lakes, waterways and oceans.*

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 GPT & Stormwater Drainage Cleaning is considered medium based upon Council's risk assessment matrix and appropriate risk management strategies will be implemented.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The use of a panel with a primary supplier model will enable improvements in safety and efficiency for GPT & stormwater drainage cleaning and maintenance activities.

The Primary supplier can recycle 90% of waste material removed from GPT and stormwater drainage maintenance at a purpose-built facility, diverting waste not only from our waterways but also from landfill.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the total project be funded from the following sources as identified in the Operational Plan -

FY2024 to FY2029 - Urban Drainage Maintenance Budget.

CONCLUSION

Council should endorse the recommendations of this report.