

**ITEM 8. TENDER - GREEN SQUARE TOWN CENTRE - STREET TREE
SUPPLY**

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SUMMARY

This report provides details of the tenders received for the supply of street trees for Green Square Town Centre Essential Infrastructure and Public Domain project.

The proposed Essential Infrastructure and Public Domain Works for the Green Square Town Centre are part of the Green Square Urban Renewal program. The Town Centre is primarily located in the suburb of Zetland that covers an area of 13.74 hectares and includes land bounded by Botany Road, Bourke Street, Joynton Avenue and Hansard Street.

Three-quarters of the streets in the Town Centre will be constructed by the City, with the remaining streets being constructed by private developers. This tender includes the supply of the trees for the streets to be constructed by the City.

This report recommends that Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer 'A' for Green Square Town Centre – street tree supply.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer 'A' for supply of street trees for Green Square Town Centre Essential Infrastructure and Public Domain project; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Tender Evaluation Summary (Confidential)

Attachment B: Schedule of Rates (Confidential)

(As Attachments A and B are confidential, they will be circulated separately from the agenda paper and to Councillors and relevant senior staff only.)

BACKGROUND

1. The proposed Essential Infrastructure and Public Domain Works for the Green Square Town Centre is part of the City's Green Square Urban Renewal program. The Green Square Town Centre is primarily located in the suburb of Zetland that covers an area of 13.74 hectares and includes land bounded by Botany Road, Bourke Street, Joynton Avenue and Hansard Street.
2. On 8 March 2013, the Central Sydney Planning Committee provided conditional consent to Development Application for Green Square Town Centre Essential Infrastructure.
3. Design of streets in the Town Centre is being undertaken by City. Three-quarters of the streets in the Town Centre will be constructed by the City, with the remaining streets being constructed by developers of private building lots as works-in-kind.
4. This tender includes the supply of the trees for the streets to be constructed by the City. This tender does not include supply of trees for streets constructed as works-in-kind.
5. The street trees will be supplied in stages to suit construction staging of various projects within the Essential Infrastructure and Public Domain program for Green Square Town Centre.

INVITATION TO TENDER

6. Tenders were called through an open tender process as advertised on 1 September 2015 in The Sydney Morning Herald, The Daily Telegraph and Council's e-tender portal. Tender closed on 22 September 2015.

TENDER SUBMISSIONS

7. Three submissions were received from the following organisations (listed alphabetically):
 - Alpine Nurseries Sales Pty Ltd trading as Alpine Nurseries;
 - Green Leisure Group Pty Ltd; and
 - Trees Impact Pty Ltd.
8. No late submissions were received.

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 submitted as determined from the total weighted score is provided in the confidential Tender Evaluation Summary – Attachment A.
11. All submissions were assessed in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria being:
 - (a) availability of stock in possession, and/or, proposed tree procurement methodology to meet the program;

- (b) production methodology (includes quality);
- (c) company profile, including experience in similar tree supply projects;
- (d) environmental management;
- (e) Workplace Health & Safety;
- (f) financial and commercial trading integrity including insurances; and
- (g) lump sum price and schedule of rates.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

12. Performance will be assessed at critical inspection and delivery stages for meeting specified time and quality requirements as below:
- (a) initial inspection scheduled within two months of award of contract;
 - (b) annual inspections as noted in contract; and
 - (c) quality and timely delivery of trees to site.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. There are sufficient funds allocated for this project within the current year's capital works budget and future years' forward estimates.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

14. 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.
15. Confidential Tender Evaluation Summary and Schedule of Rates – Attachments A and B - contain confidential commercial information of the tenderers and details of Council's tender evaluation and contingencies which, if disclosed, would:
- (a) confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; and
 - (b) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
16. Discussion of the tender in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest because it would compromise Council's ability to negotiate fairly and commercially to achieve the best outcome for its ratepayers.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

17. The street trees will be delivered in stages to suit construction staging of various projects within the Essential Infrastructure and Public Domain program for Green Square Town Centre.
18. The staged delivery of street trees is scheduled to commence in June 2017 and be completed by October 2019.

19. Procurement of trees as recommended, especially the 1000L trees for Zetland Avenue, is critical to ensure the delivery of mature trees to provide public amenity as designed.

OPTIONS

20. Council has the option to reject all tenders and readvertise. This option is not recommended, as it will delay the delivery of street trees for the next stage of street construction works scheduled for completion in August 2017.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

21. Public consultation has been undertaken through the Development Application process.

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