

Item 8.**Cancellation of Tender - Sustainability Programs - Panel of Suppliers****File No: X021078.006****Tender No: T2020-440****Summary**

In 2020, the City went to tender to establish a panel of suppliers that could provide sustainability services for buildings to identify opportunities for building owners to reduce their environmental footprint.

Since going to tender, the City is focussing its efforts in other areas by prioritising actions through the development of the Environmental Strategy and in turn will reassess the need for this panel. In the residential sector, Smart Green Apartments will continue, as will support for City businesses with a focus on commercial office and accommodation and entertainment sectors through other sustainability programs. The City's business programs are currently undergoing review with new partnership agreements being finalised to meet our newly proposed targets. Coupled with the review of the City's grants program, this evolution will require flexibility in the procurement of new services to deliver environmental improvements in our community. It is therefore recommended to not proceed with the current tender at this time.

This report recommends therefore that Council cancels the tender for the Sustainability Programs - Panel of Suppliers.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) decline to accept any of the tenders received in response to the tender for Sustainability Programs - Panel of Suppliers;
- (B) cancel the tender for the Sustainability Programs - Panel of Suppliers; and
- (C) note that a new tender will be released for a revised scope of services.

Attachments

Nil.

Background

1. In 2020, the City went to tender to establish a panel of suppliers that could provide sustainability services for buildings to identify opportunities for building owners to reduce their environmental footprint.
2. The panel was intended to provide certainty on supplier accreditation and pricing to ensure consistent, quality services to be delivered through City programs to the community.
3. The program elements included:
 - (a) energy, water and waste audits and assessments;
 - (b) building performance ratings and actions plans;
 - (c) implementation support to overcome skills, time and information barriers; and
 - (d) monitoring, sub-metering and data analytics.
4. The panel was proposed for an initial two-year term with two additional one-year extensions to be granted at City discretion.
5. Since going to market, the City has prioritised its focus through the development of its Environmental Strategy.
6. This narrows the building sector focus to residential apartment buildings only, with our business focus on responding to community need at any given time.
7. It is recommended that this tender be cancelled, noting that a new tender will be issued with a different scope.

Invitation to Tender

8. The tender opened on Tuesday 18 September 2020 and closed Tuesday 16 October 2020.
9. The tender was advertised on Council's e-tender website, Tenderlink, as well as on LinkedIn and the City of Sydney Council website.

Tender Submissions

10. Submissions were received from 18 organisations.

Financial Implications

11. Cancelling the tender will reduce operational budget spend in 2021/22.

Relevant Legislation

12. The tender was conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the City's Procurement and Contract Management Policy.

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