

17 CONTRACT 19/23 - SUPPLY OF A NEW TRACTOR

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RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The proposal submitted by D&S McIntyre Family Trust trading as Darmac Ag be accepted for the supply of one Fendt 514 Profi tractor and McConnel reach arm mower as specified for the contract sum of \$247,748 (excl. GST) plus statutory charges;
2. Proponents are advised accordingly;
3. The Common seal of the Council is affixed to the Contract documents.

Attachments

- 1 Confidential Memorandum, circulated to Councillors only 2 Pages

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the submissions received for Contract No CT19/23, relating to the supply of a new tractor fitted with a reach arm mower.

The purchase total is within the provisions of the 2019/2020 capital budget adopted for plant replacement.

The processes followed for this procurement are in accordance with Councils purchasing policy. The purchase is being made via the MAV Plant and Machinery NPN2.15 panel which is fully compliant with Councils obligations and of which Cardinia is a participant.

BACKGROUND

The Shire currently operates four tractors, two of which are dedicated to supporting road maintenance activities and two are dedicated to natural resource management.

The tractor (Unit 50) proposed for replacement is dedicated to natural resource management activities throughout the Shire. It operates up to six days per week and ten hours per day.

Replacement of the tractor is in line with council's long term plant replacement program. The replacement is due and the current unit has completed over 9000 hours of operation.

Replacement now is desirable to avoid more significant exposure to unplanned maintenance, downtime for dedicated operational staff and assets, impacts on the appearance of public spaces and community amenity. This timing also facilitates improving service delivery over the next peak spring growing season.

As a major growth municipality Cardinia has a growing volume of road traffic. The climate within the Shire supports abundant natural growth. Encroachment of growth on the roadside represents a risk to public safety by obscuring the visibility of signage, wildlife and other road users. Managing natural growth on roadside is important to preserve the safety of road users.

Benchmarked against other councils and the private sector, Cardinia has high utilisation of this tractor.

The recognised benefits for the council and community will include:

- A more reliable fleet with minimal down time, thus maximising the opportunities to maintain the safety of the road using public
- Higher efficiency and productivity due to technical upgrades and improvements
- Environmental improvements with newer compliance standards and lower CO2 emissions.
- Improved ergonomics reducing driver risk and fatigue with latest technology.
- Significant safety improvements and upgrades to council assets, staff and community.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN

An effective plant replace program will assist in meeting the Council Plan goal of providing and maintaining assets on a life-cycle basis.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Council's operational staff has been consulted with in regards to the suitability of the recommended equipment.

In addition to this, a knowledge of other public sector agency practice has been availed of to assist with evaluating alternatives and specifying the proposed solution.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Provision has been made within the 2019/2020 budget for the replacement of this tractor (Unit 50).

A proposal was received from Darmac Ag was for the supply of one Fendt 514 Profi tractor fitted with a McConnel reach arm mower as specified for the contract sum of \$247,748 (excl. GST) plus statutory charges (which will be charged at cost at the time of delivery). Statutory charges are variable because of Councils common expiry date for registrations.

At this stage, the delivery of the tractor is anticipated to occur in October 2019.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the proposal received from D&S McIntyre Family Trust trading as Darmac Ag for the supply of one Fendt 514 Profi tractor fitted with a McConnel reach arm mower as specified for the contract sum of \$247,748 (excl. GST) plus statutory charges be accepted.