

## 6.4.2 RFT 000013 Provision of Plant, Tools, Equipment and Traffic Management Hire Services 2024 to 2027

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### Recommendation(s)

That Council:

1. Accepts the proposals in the tender submissions received from:
  - Accomplished Plumbing Services,
  - Altus Traffic
  - Ashley's Transport
  - ATC Traffic
  - Coates
  - Comar Constructions
  - Construct Traffic
  - EPH Group Holdings
  - Kent Environmental and Vegetation Management
  - Linct Group
  - Plumbtrax
  - Pipeline Services & Equipment
  - Porter Excavations
  - Prestige Paving
  - PR Cootes
  - Sherrin Rentals
  - Slocombe Excavations
  - Solution Plant Hire, and
  - STA Traffic Management

to undertake the works associated with Contract RFT 000013 Provision of Plant, Tools, Equipment and Traffic Management Hire Services 2024 to 2027, for an initial period of three (3) years, plus one optional extension for a further two (2) years. as tendered in accordance with the submitted schedule of rates.

2. Advises unsuccessful tenderers accordingly.
3. Authorise execution of the contract documents.

### Attachments

1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Confidential Memo RFT000013 Plant Tools Equip TM [6.4.2.1 - 13 pages]

### Executive Summary

The current Provision of Plant Tools Equipment and Traffic Management Hires Services (CT19/02) expired on the 31 March 2024. This contract allows for the supply of the full range of plant as well as various tools and small items of equipment and traffic management services that are typically used by Council in the day-to-day maintenance and minor construction activities associated with its infrastructure including roads, drainage, open space and bridge maintenance. Therefore, tenders have been sought for the renewal of the services provided by this original contract.

This report provides consideration for the appointment of a panel of contractors for the supply of plant tools equipment and traffic management hires services within Cardinia Shire, as detailed in

Contract RFT 000013 Provision of Plant, Tools, Equipment and Traffic Management Hire Services 2024 to 2027. This contract is for an initial period of three (3) years, plus an extension for a further two (2) years.

Tenders were advertised on 18 November 2023 and closed at 2.00pm on 19 December 2023. Tenders were received from twenty-nine (29) Tenderers. Following an assessment of the tenders taking into consideration the assessment criteria, the tenders submitted by the following contractors are considered to be the most advantageous to Council are.

- Accomplished Plumbing Services
- Altus Traffic
- Ashley's Transport
- ATC Traffic
- Coates
- Comar Constructions
- Construct Traffic
- EPH Group Holdings
- Kent Environmental and Vegetation Management
- Linct Group
- Pipeline Services & Equipment
- Plumbtrax
- Porter Excavations
- Prestige Paving
- PR Cootes
- Sherrin Rentals
- Slocombe Excavations
- Solution Plant Hire
- STA Traffic Management

It is therefore recommended that Contract RFT000013 for the supply of plant tools equipment and traffic management hires services within Cardinia Shire be awarded accordingly.

### **Background**

The current Provision of Plant Tools Equipment and Traffic Management Hires Services (CT19/02) expired on the 31 March 2024. This contract allows for the supply of the full range of plant as well as various tools and small items of equipment and traffic management services that are typically used by Council in the day-to-day maintenance and minor construction activities associated with its infrastructure including roads, drainage, open space and bridge maintenance.

Contract RFT 000013 Provision of Plant, Tools, Equipment and Traffic Management Hire Services 2024 to 2027 is fundamentally the same as the previous contract. The Contract will be for an initial term of three years commencing 1 July 2024, plus an extension for a further two (2) years. This contract is subject to payment adjustments from the 1 July 2026.

The Contract provides for the following services:

- Dry Hire (equipment without an operator / driver) Heavy Plant, Light Vehicles, Mowing, Tools and Portable Buildings.
- Wet Hire (equipment with an operator / driver) Heavy Plant, Vehicles, Mowing, Drain Cleaning and Traffic Management Services.

The tender is structured to enable Council to engage several hire firms as each firm generally has a slightly different range of equipment available and none of these firms has all the equipment available that is likely to be required. This contract does not require the contractor to be available to

Council at all times to the exclusion of other customers, as costs would become prohibitive through contractors having limited opportunity to fully utilise their plant, tools, equipment and services.

Where several suppliers are contracted, Council may select a preferred supplier from those under contract for each particular job based on the hire rate and contractor availability.

The twenty-nine (29) tenders that were received for this contract were evaluated against the weighted and non-weighted criteria of Capability and Capacity, Relevant Experience and past performance of the tenderer, Range, Age and Reliability of Plant, Customer Service, Risk and Insurance, Conditions of Contract, OH&S and Quality Management and Conflict of Interest. In summary, it is considered that the nineteen (19) individual companies will provide Council the resources required for the supply of plant tools equipment and traffic management hires services.

### **Policy Implications**

The Local Government Act requires Council to call tenders by public notice prior to entering into any contract valued in excess of \$300,000 for the supply of services and materials. The creation of this panel of contractors assists Council officers in adhering with this requirement.

### **Relevance to Council Plan**

#### **2.1 We support the creation of liveable spaces and places**

2.1.5 Upgrade Council's road network to improve safety and connectivity while considering traffic demand and freight transport needs.

### **Climate Emergency Consideration**

Not considered to be applicable in this circumstance.

### **Consultation/Communication**

Consultation with the internal stakeholders who use these services was completed during the planning phase of this tender. No specific community consultation is involved for periodic supply contracts.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

Funding for plant tools equipment and traffic management hires services is made available under various Capital and Operational budgets for annual maintenance and capital works. Council typically spends approximately \$800,000 in hiring plant, equipment and tools and traffic management hire services over the course of a year which includes items of heavy plant as well as smaller tools and equipment. Prices have been sought on a schedule of rates basis. This contract does not guarantee work or prevent Council from engaging other suppliers outside of the contract. There is no fixed financial implication resulting from the award of these contracts.

### **Conclusion**

It is recommended that the tenders submitted by Accomplished Plumbing Services, Altus Traffic, Ashley's Transport, ATC Traffic, Coates, Comar Constructions, Construct Traffic, EPH Group Holdings, Kent Environmental and Vegetation Management, Linct Group, Plumbtrax, Pipeline Services & Equipment, Porter Excavations, Prestige Paving, PR Cootes, Sherrin Rentals, Slocombe Excavations, Solution Plant Hire and STA Traffic Management be accepted as they will provide the best value for Council to undertake the works associated with Contract RFT 000013 Provision of Plant, Tools, Equipment and Traffic Management Hire Services 2024 to 2027.