

4.14 TENDER FOR FREGON RESERVE SPORTSGROUND LIGHTING UPGRADE (2023042: KD)

Responsible Director: Jarrod Doake

RECOMMENDATION*

That Council:

1. *Awards the tender from High Access Cabling Pty Ltd for Fregon Reserve Sportsground Lighting Upgrade, Contract No. 2023042 for a fixed Lump Sum of \$425,408.50 with an extra \$42,900 for Contingencies;*
2. *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract agreement;*
3. *Notes that the contract is anticipated to commence on 19 December 2022 and the expected completion date is 30 June 2023; and*
4. *Notes that the anticipated project expenditure including the fixed Lump Sum, Contingencies and Project Management/ Delivery Fees is \$491,903.50*
5. *Approves additional funding of \$99,203.50 required for this project.*

*(*Please note that all dollar figures are GST Inclusive unless stated otherwise).*

INTRODUCTION

Council has conducted a tender for Fregon Reserve Sportsground Lighting Upgrade.

As part of its planning process for this tender, Council Officers considered its procurement options, including whether to go to market itself, participate in regional or sector collaboration or to access established contracts via other compliant Procurement agreements.

Council Officers highlighted the requirement to meet funding agreement milestones for the 2021-22 Local Sports Infrastructure – Community Sports Lighting grant (completion of project by 15 December 2023) and therefore determined that a collaborative approach would not be achievable for these works.

BACKGROUND

Council is seeking to appoint a Contractor to install of new competition LED lighting to 100 lux across two rugby pitches at Fregon Reserve, Clayton.

The State Government has contributed \$125,000 of funding from the 2021-22 Local Sports Infrastructure – Community Sports Lighting grant for the installation of new competition LED lighting to 100 lux across two rugby pitches at Fregon Reserve, Clayton. The project will also deliver a power supply upgrade and floodlighting control system.

The new LED floodlighting will improve the accessibility and functionality of the park and better accommodate the needs of current and future sportsfield users in several ways including:

- Enhanced sport and recreation participation opportunities;
- Improved participant, spectator and recreational safety;
- Effective management of light spill to surrounding residences;
- Compliance with sporting infrastructure and lighting standards; and
- Improved energy efficiency.

NOTIFICATION

A public notice was placed in The Age newspaper on 24 September 2022 and the tender closed on 21 October 2022.

TENDERS RECEIVED

Five (5) tender submissions were received by the appointed closing time. The tenders received are listed below:

TENDERERS SUBMITTED	
1	Ultralec Electrical Services Pty Ltd
2	High Access Cabling Pty Ltd
3	Commlec Services Pty Ltd
4	All Sports Lighting Pty Ltd
5	REES Electrical Pty Ltd

TENDER CONFORMANCE

All submissions were accessed for their compliance with the tender conditions including the contractual terms and conditions and the requirements of the response schedules.

Only one (1) submission was deemed non-conforming and these submissions were not evaluated further.

A summary of these non-conforming tenders follows:

Tenderer	Nature of Non-Conformance	Comment regarding non-conformance
Ultralec Electrical Services Pty Ltd	Failure to meet Mandatory Requirements	Returnable Schedule had very minimal information. Major Non-Conformance and eliminated from further evaluation.

The remaining four (4) conforming tenders were then evaluated further as per the agreed evaluation criteria.

TENDER EVALUATION

All members of the evaluation panel signed Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality forms and no conflicts were raised.

The tenderers were assessed in accordance with the evaluation criteria published in the tender documentation:

Pass/Fail Assessment Criteria	Score
Quality and OH&S Systems	Pass/Fail
Mandatory Insurances	Pass/Fail

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA		CRITERIA WEIGHTINGS	SUB WEIGHTINGS	SUB CRITERIA/RETURNABLE SCHEDULES LINK
50% NON-PRICE CRITERIA	Capacity and Capability	20%	5%	Experience
			5%	Resources
			5%	Risk Management
			3%	Legal Compliance
			2%	Performance and Innovation
	Project Timelines	10%	4%	Start and Completion timeframe
			6%	Proposed Program
	Sustainability (Mandatory)	20%	8%	Environmental Sustainability
			6%	Local Sustainability
			6%	Social Sustainability
PRICE (50%)	Price*	50%	50%	Comparison of Whole of Life Cost or Total Project Cost or Estimated Annual Cost

*Minimum 50% price weighting required unless Council approves otherwise.

** If it is agreed that the Sustainability weighting is less than 20%, the minimum Price weighting must then be 60%.

DISCUSSION

The four conforming tender submissions were assessed against the tender evaluation criteria (including the price and non-price evaluation criteria).

The Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) compared the relevant experience of the four tenderers and all demonstrated relevant experience with sportsground lighting.

The submission from High Access Cabling Pty Ltd was of a high quality and referee checks confirmed they have a clear understanding of council processes and relevant experience successfully completing lighting upgrades for Whitehorse and Brimbank City Councils.

High Access Cabling are able to provide adequate resources to meet the timeframes required for this project.

The final evaluation ranking (including the price and non-price evaluation criteria) had High Access Cabling Pty Ltd ranked highest and as such, the evaluation panel recommends High Access Cabling Pty Ltd as representing the best value outcome for Council

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The adopted 2022/23 Capital Works Program makes provision for this project.

PROJECT BUDGET ALLOCATION	GST exclusive	GST inclusive
C09326 - Fregon Reserve Sports Lighting Upgrade	\$357,000	\$392,700
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	\$357,000	\$392,700
Estimated Project Expenditure Based Upon High Access Cabling Pty Ltd's Submission		
Lump Sum Price	\$386,735	\$425,408.50
Contingency	\$39,000	\$42,900.00
Project Management/Delivery Fees	\$21,450	\$23,595.00
ESTIMATED PROJECT EXPENDITURE	\$447,185	\$491,903.50

There is a budget shortfall of \$99,203.50 (GST Inc). The increased cost of this project is reflective of construction industry wide escalation in costs being experienced across Australia.

The additional funding required for this project will be offset by forecast savings in other Sportsground Lighting projects funded within the 2022/23 Capital Work program which are currently in construction phase and nearing completion.

SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES

As part of Council's commitment to sustainability, High Access Cabling has committed to achieve sound environmental practices across their entire operations and the new sports lighting to be installed are LEDs which are the most energy efficient and latest technology. High Access Cabling aim to recycle old poles, fittings and materials where possible.

The signatures of the evaluation panel below indicate their agreement with and acceptance of the details included in the tender evaluation report.

CONCLUSION

That Council approves the recommendations contained within this report.