

3.2 TENDER FOR PLANNING, BUILDING AND ENGINEERING, ANNOTATION SOFTWARE (CF2023059: KB)

Responsible Senior Officer: Danny Wain, Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDATION*

That Council:

- 1. Approves access to the Victorian Government Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) Contract eServices for the provision of Planning, Building and Engineering Annotation Software, under Council contract 2023059 and awards the tender from Objective Corporation Limited for a schedule of rates-based contract with an estimated total contract value of \$199,966 for the initial term.*
- 2. Notes that the contract has an estimated total contract value of \$510,311 inclusive of all available extension options, software subscription, software maintenance & support, Trapeze modules, and professional services.*
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or her delegate to execute the contract agreement.*
- 4. Notes that the contract will commence on 01 April 2023 with an initial term of three (3) years. The contract has two extension options of two years each and authorises the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate to approve extension options subject to satisfactory performance.*

**all dollar figures are GST Inclusive unless stated otherwise.*

INTRODUCTION

Council Officers seek to access a panel contract via the Victorian Government DPC eServices Contract for the provision of Planning, Building and Engineering Annotation Software under Council contract 2023059.

BACKGROUND

Council currently uses a software solution called Trapeze across Statutory Planning, Building Surveying, City Planning, Engineering, and City Design. The vendor for Trapeze is Objective Corporation Limited. This planning, building, and engineering annotation solution is a purpose-built solution primarily used for processing building development applications.

Council originally procured Trapeze in September 2017 under a sole provider exemption for the product licencing, maintenance, and support. At the time, Trapeze was deemed the only suitable software that met Council's requirements. In the following years, subsequent extensions and exemptions have been approved for Trapeze.

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), Procurement Australia (PA) and the Victorian Government Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) often establish contracts on behalf of or accessible to Local Government authorities so that they may access supplier contracts in an efficient and cost-effective manner. These organisations are focused on achieving better procurement outcomes by aggregating demand and achieving improved commercial and service outcomes.

Council could have run its own tender or alternatively sought to access an existing contract through the MAV, PA, or DPC. On this occasion, a decision was made to access the Victorian Government DPC eServices panel contract because this contract arrangement was the only Agent with multiple suppliers on the panel that provide this type of software.

NOTIFICATION

A Public Notice was not required because Council accessed the eServices contract from the Victorian Government DPC as allowed under Council's Procurement Policy.

An Invited tender was undertaken, with Officers selecting two suitable companies from the panel, Objective Corporation Limited and Advanced Spatial technologies Pty Ltd.

TENDER EVALUATION

Pass/Fail Assessment Criteria	Score
Quality Systems	Pass/Fail
OHS	Pass/Fail
Mandatory Insurances	Pass/Fail

Table 2	Key Selection Criteria	Criteria Weightings
Qualitative Criteria	Capacity and Capability	30%
	Sustainability	10%
Quantitative Criteria	Price	60%

After the initial evaluation meeting, Objective Corporation Limited was then invited to present an online demonstration of the proposed solution to the panel. Subsequently Objective Corporation Limited answered additional questions and provided further clarification.

Based on Objective Corporation Limited tender submission and Council's experience with Objective Corporation Limited as the incumbent supplier, the evaluation panel recommends Objective Corporation Limited as representing the best value outcome for Council.

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated expenditure for the initial contract term is \$199,966 (GST inclusive) and the estimated total contract value is \$510,312, (GST inclusive) inclusive of all available extension options.

CONCLUSION

That Council approves the recommendations contained within this report.