5.9 BRANDON PARK RESERVE, GLEN WAVERLEY - RETARDING BASIN CIVIL WORKS, STAGE 3B
(CF2013044:RL)

Ward: Mulgrave
Responsible Director: Paul Kearsley

RECOMMENDATION

That:
1. Council accepts the tender of Contek Constructions Pty Ltd for the construction of a stormwater retarding basin outlet and associated path and civil works at Brandon Park Reserve, Glen Waverley for the lump sum of $209,352.71 (GST inclusive).
2. The anticipated project expenditure of $228,390.65 (GST exclusive) for the design, supervision (includes $18,604.00 for provisional items based on actual quantities) and works be noted.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign and seal the contract documents.
4. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to approve any contract variations that are contained within the anticipated project expenditure.

BACKGROUND

At the October 2012 meeting of Council, a contract was let for the bulk earthworks necessary to increase the storage capacity of the Brandon Park Reserve retarding basin.

This contract is to construct an outlet structure for the retarding basin and to construct a path network and other civil works.

SCOPE OF WORKS

The works proposed under the contract included:

- construction of a stormwater retarding basin outlet, together with associated drainage and other works;
- reinstatement of pathways, pavements and grassed areas surrounding the basin;
- replacement of the cricket practice wickets and other infrastructure items; and
- ancillary works.

ANALYSIS

At the close of tenders, tenders had been lodged by the following five contractors with lump sum tender prices of between $203,120.50 and $367,323.00 (GST inclusive):
The lowest tender was received from Landcon Landscape Solutions Pty Ltd (Landcon) for a lump sum price of $184,655.00 (GST exclusive). The price includes $22,780.00 for provisional items. Landcon has not undertaken works for Monash previously. Checks with referees at two other councils have confirmed Landcon as a suitable contractor for this contract.

Landcon has indicated that they could commence the work within two weeks of being awarded the contract and would take 16 weeks to complete.

The next lowest tender was submitted by Contek Constructions Pty Ltd (Contek) for a lump sum price of $190,320.65 (GST exclusive). The price includes $18,604.00 for provisional items. Contek has indicated that it would also require an additional $3,070.00 for the removal of a tree and a log fence. Contek has satisfactorily completed a number of contracts for Council including road refurbishment works in Euneva Avenue, Glen Waverley and an earthen embankment at David Crawford Reserve, Glen Waverley. Contek is considered a suitable contractor for this contract.

Contek has indicated that they could commence these works in late January 2013 and would take five weeks to complete the contract.

The remaining three tenders are considered as not offering Council best value.

An important issue with this contract is for the works to be completed promptly to allow the reserve to be fully restored for recreational usage as a priority. For this to occur, it is important that full advantage is taken of the autumn weather for grass regrowth. The contract completion time offered by Contek would allow the full autumn period to be used for grass regrowth whereas the time required by Landcon to complete the contract may result in the reserve being unavailable for a significant time including a large part of the soccer season.

Following consideration of these two lowest tenders, the Tender Assessment Panel considers the tendered price from Contek offers Council the best value for this contract.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The project costs based on Contek’s tender are estimated to be:
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Funding for these works has been allocated in Council’s 2012/13 Capital Works Budget in the Strategic Drainage area.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

Upon Council awarding the Contract, the necessary documentation will be executed and the works undertaken.

**CONCLUSION**

The tender panel concurs that the tender from Contek Constructions Pty Ltd offers Council the best value.
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