

8. Russell's Creek Bridge Replacement MR 272 at Jellat Jellat: Contract No. 9/08

Tenders closed for planned contract works at the Russell's Creek bridge site on 6 May 2009.

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BACKGROUND

Tenders were invited for a Schedule of Rates Contract (No. 9/08) for the replacement of Russell's Creek Bridge on MR 272 at Jellat Jellat. Council issued nine tender documents and received four tenders for the works. Two tenderers did not submit completed tender submission documents and were considered non conforming. The remaining two tenders are listed below in order of least to most expensive:

Contractor	Postal Address	Tendered Price including GST
Guideline South Coast	PO Box 138 Eden NSW 2551	\$492,976
Eden Constructions Pty Ltd	14 Murray St Queanbeyan NSW 2620	\$528,526

Council's initiative in preparing designs for the replacement of timber bridges on Regional Roads has put Council in the position of being able to take advantage of State Government funding under the Timber Bridge Replacement Partnership Program.

On Wednesday, 20 May 2009 the tenders were assessed according to the Council Tendering Policy by the panel comprising staff and an independent person.

The assessment criteria used in accordance with Council Policy are as follows:

Criteria	Weighting
Price (may include other than direct costs)	60%
Demonstrated Ability to Perform	25%
Referee's Classification	10%
Presentation	5%

The tender submission documents received from the tenderers were examined in detail in relation to the assessment criteria.

Total Consensus Assessment Points were determined by averaging the total assessment points given by each panel member to a particular contractor and are

30 listed below.

Tender	Consensus Assessment Points (Total)
Guideline South Coast Pty Ltd	8.23
Eden Constructions Pty Ltd	2.17

The difference in the assessment point scores is the result of the methodology of the assessment and does not reflect the closeness of the actual tenders. The breakdown of the points awarded for each contractor is contained in Council's records system under contract 9/08.

ISSUES

Legal

40 Legal advice was obtained from Local Government Procurement regarding rejection of the two non conforming tenders. The reasons for the incomplete tender submission documents were sought from tenderers and subsequent legal advice was to still reject the non conforming tenders.

Environmental

Fisheries approval for the bridge construction has been obtained.

Asset

The work is for the replacement of the existing timber bridge with a structure comprising precast concrete box culverts and prestressed concrete planks on cast in-situ concrete abutments on steel screw piles.

50 The work includes traffic and sediment control, excavation and dewatering, construction of cast in-situ concrete abutments, placement of precast box culverts and prestressed concrete planks, construction of concrete wing walls and kerbs and construction of the road over the new structure.

The new structure is to be constructed in two stages. The first stage is the upstream (or southern) lane using the downstream lane of the existing timber bridge as a detour. Once the upstream lane is constructed, traffic will be diverted onto stage one and the remaining timber bridge removed to allow the downstream lane to be constructed and the road completed.

The existing timber bridge will be removed by Council and useable timber salvaged.

60 Council has widened the downstream lane of the existing timber bridge to provide a single lane detour. Traffic lights will be used to control traffic using the detour.

The contract is a Quality Assured contract involving the supply of all relevant material and the control of all works and plant onsite. The precast reinforced concrete box culvert sections and precast concrete planks were purchased by Council in 2007/08 under the Regional Road Timber Bridge Replacement Partnership program. Council has purchased the reinforcing steel under the 2008/09 program. All materials purchased by Council are on site or stored locally.

The work will contribute to upgrading Council bridges and help to ensure safe travel for motorists.

Social / Cultural

70 The Bega-Tathra Road is an important link for the local community and ensuring it is useable helps maintain the community function.

Economic

As a regional road the Bega Tathra Road is an important economic link within the Shire and for the communities west of the Shire.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with relevant agencies and landowners to ensure compliance with their requirements.

Financial

80 A proportion of the Russell's Creek Bridge replacement is being funded by the State Government's Timber Bridge program. The balance of the funding is provided by a combination of Council loans, the Federal Governments Roads to Recovery program and the Federal Governments Financial Assistance Grant.

Resources (including staff)

The work has been programmed and staff and other resources will be provided as necessary to ensure timely completion of the project.

CONCLUSION

The recommendation by the tender evaluation panel is to award the contract to Guideline South Coast Pty Ltd.

RECOMMENDATION

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1. That the Schedule of Rates tender received from Guideline South Coast Pty Ltd (Contract No. 9/08) for the replacement of the Russell's Creek Bridge on MR 272 at Jellat Jellat for \$492,976 be accepted.
 2. That all tenderers be advised of Council's decision.