

WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL PANEL CONTRACT HIRE OF CONSTRUCTION PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

PC2324/02

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1. About Council

Located in the far south-west of New South Wales, bordering Victoria and South Australia, the Wentworth Shire is located at the cross-roads of three major national highways, linking the capital cities of Sydney (1,075km to the east), Adelaide (420km to the south-west, Melbourne (585km to the south), Brisbane and Perth.

The Wentworth Shire covers an area of 26,000 square kilometres within the southern boundary (along the Murray River having the greatest population density in the Townships of Wentworth, Dareton, Buronga and Gol Gol. The smaller remote town of Pooncarie is located approximately 120km north of Wentworth on the Darling River.

Wentworth Shire Council manages one of the largest road networks in New South Wales, responsible for maintaining 2,139 kilometres of roads, with over 519 km of these sealed.

2. Purpose

Wentworth Shire Council is seeking Tender responses from suitably qualified businesses for plant and equipment hire across operational areas of Council to facilitate delivery of capital works programs and operation service delivery at various locations within the Municipality.

A panel of suppliers will be established to meet Council's requirements for this service. Utilising a panel arrangement is designed to ensure we have access to a range of suppliers to best meet our specified requirements and to enable a speedier access to services to meet Council requirements on an as needed basis.

This panel may not negate the further requirement for competitive tenders or quotation processes in compliance with relevant legislation. The Panel will also not preclude Council from using the services of suppliers not listed on the Panel.

Council does not guarantee that any organisation listed on the panel will be utilised nor any guarantee of committed minimum spend with any supplier.

3. Scope of Services

The scope for this contract is shire wide.

The scope of services for this Contract is to provide the following for: Supply and hire of construction plant and equipment services for Wentworth Shire Council inclusive of:

WET HIRE

- Backhoe/Loader (specify digging depth)
- Dozers
- Excavators up to 5 Tonne
- Excavators 6-8 Tonne
- Excavators 9-12 Tonne
- Excavators 13-20 Tonne
- Excavators 20-25 Tonne
- Excavators 26+ Tonne
- Front End Loader Rubber Tyre under 1.5m3 capacity
- Front End Loader Rubber Tyre over 1.6m3 capacity
- Graders 10 to 20 Tonne
- Graders over 20 Tonne
- Hydro-jet Excavation
- Jet Vac Pipe Cleaning Truck
- Low Loader
- Scrapers bowl capacity under 9.9m3
- Scrapers bowl capacity over 10m3
- Skid Steer Loader (specify Rated Operating Load in kg's)
- Tip Truck under 6m3
- Tip Truck 10m3
- Tip Truck & Trailer 20m3 or greater
- Water Truck Potable Water
- Water Truck Rigid
- Water Truck Semi

DRY HIRE

- Compaction Equipment Self Propelled Pad Foot
- Compaction Equipment Self Propelled Rubber Tyre
- Compaction Equipment Self Propelled Smooth Drum
- Excavators up to 5 Tonne
- Excavators 6-8 Tonne
- Excavators 9-12 Tonne
- Excavators 13-20 Tonne
- Excavators 20-25 Tonne
- Excavators 26+ Tonne

- Portable Generator
- Portable lighting
- Portable Traffic Lights
- VMS Boards

Hourly hire or supply rate to be inclusive of travel to and from the work site, accommodation, meals and all overheads, if applicable.

The Contractor must be able to provide services as required by Council within 24hrs of notification for the duration of the contract.

The Contractor will be required to comply with Council policies and accredited Work, Health and Safety Legislative Requirements.

All successful tenderers will be required to present a daily pre-start checklist for each vehicle or item of plant upon request.

Once service commences on each occasion, it is a requirement that provision of service or hire continues until works are completed. Approval for a break from the work site to undertake works or hire to other parties must be obtained from a Wentworth Shire Council representative.

Works can only be conducted during the following hours unless agreed to by a Wentworth Shire Council representative.

Monday to Friday 6:00am to 6:00pm.

The Contractor will supply Council with a copy of a site specific, Safe Operating Procedure (SOP) and a Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS), if required. This report will identify risks to operators, WSC staff and outline risk management practices undertaken to remove or reduce the risk.

Council reserves the right to make the determination of whether the equipment is fit for purpose.

Tenderers may quote for some or all of the above listed services, please note any services provided outside of this list will not be accepted.

4. Contract Term

The term of the contract will be for a 3 year period. Commencement date of the contract and the time from when services will be delivered is 1 February 2024. Pricing schedule for year 1 is to be included as part of this tender.

Prior to commencement of year 2 & year 3 providers/suppliers will be contacted by Wentworth Shire Council requesting provision of updated yearly contract rates.

Providers/suppliers will be given the option to opt out of the contract prior to each resubmission period. This is to be provided in writing to Wentworth Shire Council prior to the resubmission period ending.

5. Location of Services

The services tendered through this contract may be required to be performed at any location within the municipality of Wentworth Shire Council. Please see map of Shire on page 10 and the zones that the Panel Contract are divided into.

6. Council Contact

Enquiries regarding this tender may be directed to:
Mr Jarrod Roberts
Manager Works, Wentworth Shire Council
council@wentworth.nsw.gov.au
(03) 5027 5027

7. Tender Lodgement Requirements

Legible tenders must be submitted and received before the closing time 3:00pm Monday 30 October 2023 either by:

- E-mail: tenders@wentworth.nsw.gov.au
- In person: The Tender Box at Wentworth Shire Council, 26 28 Adelaide Street, Wentworth NSW 2648.
- Mail: The Tender Box Wentworth Shire Council PO Box 81, Wentworth NSW 2648.

Email submissions shall be no greater than 10 Mb in size. The email subject heading to be the panel contract number and name.

Tenders received after the date and time nominated for the receipt of Tenders may be considered informal and liable to rejection. The acceptance or rejection of such Tenders shall be solely at the discretion of the General Manager.

Late tenders will not be accepted.

8. Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria will be used for evaluating Tender responses:

- Availability of human, plant and equipment resources to provide the service (25%).
- Demonstrated experience in providing a similar service (25%).
- Price (40%).
- Proper completion of Tender Form and provision of adequate information called for in this document (10%).

9. Tender Response

Tender responses should include the following statements by the Tenderer directly addressing the evaluation criteria:

- Availability of people, plant and equipment resources to provide the service please provide evidence of available plant or fleet.
- Provide licenses and qualifications of drivers/operators where applicable.
- Demonstrated experience in providing a similar service please provide details of similar service or hire contracts.
- Confirm if your business is registered for GST. For more information on this please go to www.ato.gov.au/Business/GST/Registering-for-GST/

10. Evaluation Process

All tenders will be assessed in accord with Council's mandatory tender requirements and then ranked according to perceived quality differences between the tender proposals.

11. Code of Tendering

All tenders must comply with the NSW Government Code of Practice for the Construction Industry. Tenderers should also be aware that the National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry and the implementation guidelines will apply to works completed under this contract.

Submissions of tender will be regarded as evidence of the tenderer's agreement to comply with the Codes for the duration of the contract.

If any tenderer fails to comply with the Code, that failure may be taken into account by the General Manager when considering this or any subsequent tender by the tenderer being passed over; without limiting the above obligations:

- Tenderers shall not submit tenders without a firm intention to proceed.
- Tenderers must not engage in any form of collusive practice.
- Any Tenderer who directly or indirectly canvasses support from an elected member or servant of the Council will be disqualified.
- It should be noted that in all contract documentations words importing a gender include every gender.

12. Conflict of Interest

Contractors are required to declare any conflict of interest and the information provided by contractors within the tender will be taken into account in evaluating the said tender.

13. Canvassing

The tenderer, its employees and/or consultants must not approach, or request any other person to approach, any Councillor, member of Council Staff or consultant engaged by Council:

- To solicit support for its tender; or
- Otherwise seek to influence the outcome of this tender process.

The tenderer will direct all communications during the tender process to Councils nominated representative.

14. Document Ownership

Any documents submitted, as part of the contractor's tender will remain the property of Council.

15. Insurance

The following clauses shall be read in conjunction with the General Conditions for Contracts document.

• Public and Products Liability Insurance

The contractor shall take out a Public Liability Indemnity not less than \$20,000,000 covering liability for damage to the property of third parties. The Policy must indemnify the principal by a clause in or an endorsement of the policy or a letter from the insurer.

• Works Compensation Insurance

The contractor shall insure against liability for death of or injury to persons employed by the contractor including liability by statute and at common law. The contractor shall ensure that every subcontractor is similarly insured.

• Motor Vehicles, Plant and Equipment Insurance

The contractor must ensure that every motor vehicle used in connection with the contract is ensured under a policy with an indemnity of not less than \$20,000,000 covering liability for damage to the property or third parties. The policy must indemnify the principal by a clause in or an endorsement of the policy or a letter from the insurer.

• Inspection of Insurance Policies

Before commencing work under the contract the contractor shall produce evidence of the existence of each insurance policy. Evidence is to be supplied in the following way:

- An original or certified copy of the full insurance policy (Certificate of Currency); and
- Certification from the Insurer to show that each policy is current.

Council reserves the right to forward insurance policies to an Insurance Broker for scrutiny and approval. If implemented by Council the process will take

approximately one week and the contract will not be finalised until the Insurance Broker certifies that the insurance coverage is satisfactory.

16. Fire Precautions

Plant vehicles and equipment operating during proclaimed fire danger periods shall:

- Be free from mechanical faults and defects likely to cause fire.
- Be equipped with an efficient spark arrester.
- Be equipped with NSW Bushfire Service approved fire fighter equipment in working order.

Council reserves the right to undertake inspections to any plant vehicles or equipment, as required, to ensure compliance with these requirements.

17. Conduct

All contractors shall conduct themselves in a professional manner. Contractors found to be denigrating the Wentworth Shire Council or behaving in a manner that may cause disrepute to the Wentworth Shire Council will be dismissed.

