

To: Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board

On: 4 September 2019

Report by: The Chief Executive

Heading: Landscape Design AMIDS Core Site (Netherton Campus)

1. Summary

1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board to award a services Contract for the Landscape Design for AMIDS Core Site (Netherton Campus), Ref: RC-CPU-19-102.

1.2. The recommendation to award this Contract follows an open procedure for an above EU Threshold Services contract, which was conducted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts.

2. Recommendations

2.1. It is recommended that the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board:

- (a) authorise the Head of Corporate Governance to award the Contract for the Landscape Design for AMIDS Core Site (Netherton Campus), Paisley to Optimised Environments Limited;
- (b) authorise the contract value up to £220,000.00 exclusive of VAT;
- (c) note the contract period is anticipated to be three (3) years but is subject to the programme for the construction of the landscape

associated with Netherton Campus. The Commencement Date will be confirmed in the Council's Letter of Acceptance.

3. Background

- 3.1. This Services Contract is part of a larger programme to enable delivery of the emerging Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland (AMIDS).
- 3.2. AMIDS is led by Renfrewshire Council in partnership with Scottish Enterprise and Scottish Government. The district – the only one of its kind in Scotland – will be internationally-recognised for advanced manufacturing, leading innovation and research and driving sustainable growth in the Scottish economy.
- 3.3. At the heart of AMIDS is Netherton Campus, a 52-hectare site next to Glasgow Airport which will be home to the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland and the Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre.
- 3.4. The vision for this core AMIDS site is to attract ambitious companies by creating a high quality, campus style environment that supports healthy working, fosters collaboration and promotes sustainability.
- 3.5. A masterplan for Netherton Campus has been in development since 2016 and has evolved into a vision to deliver an exemplar advanced manufacturing and innovation district.
- 3.6. The purpose of this Contract is to take forward two of the key projects identified in the masterplan: two linked expanses of public realm and green space at the heart of the site 'Netherton Square and Riverside Park'.
- 3.7. Netherton Square will be a flexible, attractive and active space, capable of being used for formal outdoor meetings and events as well as less formal occasions such as lunch breaks and out of hours use.
- 3.8. Riverside Park will take advantage of the site's proximity to the White Cart River, providing opportunities for healthy, sustainable green space which will allow workers and locals alike to interact with nature and the White Cart.

- 3.9. The Council require to appoint a Landscape Architect to develop a detailed design for Netherton Square and the adjoining section of the Riverside Park as well as a concept design for the remaining sections of the Riverside Park and common landscape areas in alignment with the envisaged phasing of development at the site.
- 3.10. The Council conducted this procurement as an open procedure for above EU Threshold Services Contract in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts.
- 3.11. A Contract Notice was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and tender documentation published on Public Contracts Scotland -tender system on 5 July 2019.
- 3.12. During the tender period, there were thirty-one (31) expressions of interest in the tender and by the closing date and time of 12 noon on 8th August 2019, five (5) Tenderers submitted a tender.
- 3.13. All five (5) tender submissions met the minimum requirements as contained in the ESPD and were therefore evaluated against the specific award criteria of 40% Price/ 60% Quality set by the Council in the invitation to tender and Contract Notice.
- 3.14. The Quality criteria specified by the Council included the following:
- Project priorities and methodology
 - Project team capability
 - Community Benefits
 - Fair Working Practices
- 3.15. The specific Award criteria were applied to the tender submissions for each of the five (5) tender submissions as noted below:

	Quality (60.00%)	Price (40.00%)	Total (100.00%)
Austin-Smith: Lord LLP	38.70%	31.45%	70.15%
ERZ Limited	35.10%	20.81%	55.91%
HLMAD Ltd	35.10%	25.05%	60.15%
Ironside Farrar Limited	38.70%	10.97%	49.67%

Optimised Environments Limited	49.50%	30.13%	79.63%
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- 3.16. The evaluation of tender submissions received identified that the tender submission by Optimised Environments Limited was most economically advantageous tender.
- 3.17. Community benefits were sought and Optimised Environments Limited have committed to deliver the following Community Benefits under this contract:
- 1 x Non-financial support
 - 1 x Industry awareness day
 - 1 x Industry transfer (School and/ or other)

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – Funding for this commission is contained within the contribution from Scottish Enterprise for the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland (AMIDS) as per the terms of that agreement
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - none
3. **Community/Council Planning** –
 - *Our Renfrewshire is thriving* – This commission will contribute to the creation of a high quality, campus style environment at AMIDS which will attract investors and developers to the site with potential to create thousands of new jobs in Renfrewshire.
 - *Reshaping our place, our economy and our future* – AMIDS will make Renfrewshire an economic powerhouse within Scotland's industrial heartland and create wealth and opportunities for Renfrewshire, the wider Glasgow City region and beyond.
 - *Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire for all to enjoy* – The campus will provide a high-quality environment that supports healthy working, fosters collaboration and promotes sustainability.
4. **Legal** - The procurement of this Contract was conducted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts for an above EU Services Contract and the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, as amended.

5. **Property/Assets** – this Contract will lead to improvements to a Council asset as well as increasing the attractiveness of the AMIDS site to potential investors, developers and local communities.
6. **Information Technology** - none
7. **Equality & Human Rights**
 - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety** - the health and safety credentials of Optimised Environments Limited were evaluated by Corporate Health and Safety and met the Council's minimum requirements regarding health and safety.
9. **Procurement** – The procurement procedure outlined within this report shall ensure that the Council meets its statutory requirements in respect of procurement procedures, efficiency and modern Government.
10. **Risk** - the insurances of Optimised Environments Limited were evaluated by Corporate Risk and met the Council's minimum requirements regarding insurable risk.
11. **Privacy Impact** - none
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – none.
13. **Climate Risk** - none

List of Background Papers

None

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