ITEM 5

Derby City Council Corporate Policy, Personnel, Performance Management and Economic Development Cabinet Member Meeting 1 April 2008

Financial Matters

Acceptance of tender for Oracle e-Business Suite Database Administration and Support

The Issue

We have carried out an OJEU tender process for the above service and wish to award a three year contract to Teamsolve Ltd, a Derby based company which specialises in Oracle systems. Urgent approval is sought as the contract period must commence as soon as possible after 1 April 2008.

Recommendation

That the Council should award a three year contract to Teamsolve Ltd, subject to the agreement of satisfactory terms and conditions.

Contract sum is £112,069. This represents both the lowest tender and the best value for money in terms of combined quality and cost as shown in Appendix 1. This sum is within current budget provision and there is no requirement for additional funding.

Supporting Information

The Council implemented the Oracle e-Business Suite as its new financial system, going live from April 2007. For the first year of live operation, we contracted with our implementation partners, Patech Solutions, for the provision of the above specialist service using a waiver of Contract Procedure Rules, on the basis that continuity of provider was essential during the transfer to live operation.

Publication of the OJEU notice, to tender for the ongoing contract from April 2008, was deferred until December 2007 pending the outcome of the HR Payroll system OJEU exercise as approved at the January cabinet meeting. This was to allow for potential efficiency in sharing of database administration between the two contracts, in the event of that contract being awarded to Oracle.

To meet the OJEU timescale, this is the earliest reasonable date by which an outcome could be expected and this report has been submitted at the earliest opportunity.

	Criteria	%	Supplier1	Supplier2	Supplier3	Supplier4	Teamsolve	Supplier6
1.	Cost	30	21.53	17.06	19.56	17.26	30.00	14.85
2.	Capability & experience in relation to the technical items included in the specification	20	6.67	6.67	15.00	6.67	18.33	1.67
3.	Can demonstrate a thorough understanding of the Council's business needs	20	0.00	3.33	15.00	3.33	11.67	3.33
4.	Can demonstrate a thorough understanding of the system in relation to its overall context, including related infrastructure, integration, interfaces, outputs	20	2.00	4.00	14.00	2.00	14.00	4.00
5.	Track record of delivering a similar service to comparable organisations	10	2.50	2.00	7.00	2.50	5.50	2.00
6.	Financial viability as demonstrated by audited accounts and supporting information	Supplier will be excluded if not financially viable						
	Total	100	32.70	33.06	70.56	31.76	79.50	25.85

Appendix 1 – Oracle e-Business Suite database administration and support - Evaluation of tenders against Criteria