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**REQUEST FOR TENDER**

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| **RFQ NUMBER** | **RGRC 2024-002** |
| **RFQ TITLE** | **Mataranka Community Office – Wastewater Management System – Stage 2** |
| **CLOSE DATE** | **2.00 PM AUSTRALIAN CENTRAL STANDARD TIME**  Thursday, 12th September 2024  **(LATE QUOTATIONS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED)** |

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| **HOW TO RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST FOR QUOTATION** |
| Complete the Quotation Response Schedules provided separately. This will become your Quotation which may be lodged in any of the following ways:  **By Electronic lodgement facility at:** **TENDERLINK**  [Tenders and Public Quotations | Roper Gulf Regional Council (nt.gov.au)](https://ropergulf.nt.gov.au/our-services/tenders-and-public-quotations)  **Note: no other form of delivery is acceptable** |

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# CONDITIONS OF Tendering

## Interpretation of terms

Unless the contrary intention is indicated, these Conditions of Tendering are to be interpreted in the same manner and words have the same meaning as in the Contract.

If a date stipulated for doing an act in relation to the Request for Tender (RFT) is not a business day (being any day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday in the Northern Territory, as specified in Schedule 2 of the *Public Holidays Act (NT)*), the act must be done on the next business day.

In these Conditions of Tendering the following definitions apply:

**‘Addendum’** means any document expressly stated to be an Addendum, which is issued by the Principal varying, updating or clarifying the RFT prior to the stated time and date for closing of the RFT.

**‘Annexure’** means the document titled “Annexure to the Conditions of Contract” and contained in this RFT.

**‘Contract’** means the document titled ‘Conditions of Contract’ and referenced or contained in this RFT.

**‘Principal’** means the Roper Gulf Regional Council (RGRC) or its representative.

**‘RFT’** means this request for tender inviting offers and includes all conditions, annexures, schedules, attachments and addenda.

**‘Tender Response’** means all documents lodged by the Tenderer in response to the RFT.

**‘Tenderer’** means the person or company lodging a Tender Response. Also referred to as ‘Consultant’ or ‘Principal Design Consultant’.

**‘Works’** means the works required by the Principal and described in this RFT.

**‘Contractor’** means person/s undertaking the construction works.

**Attachments’** means the documents you attach as part of your tender.

**‘Awarded Contract’** means the fully executed contract between Council and the successful tenderer.

**‘Closing Date'** means the time and date specified in Clause 3.3 or such later time and date as may be notified in writing to Tenderers by Council.

**Notice of Acceptance or Award’** means written notification signed by an authorised representative of Council to the Tenderer that its tender response has been accepted subject to any modification.

**‘Offer’** means your offer to be selected to supply the requirements.

**‘Response Schedules’** means any Schedule marked “Response Schedules” which must be completed by the Tenderer/Respondent and submitted with its Offer.

**‘Selection Criteria’** means the criteria used by Council in evaluating the tender.

**‘Special Conditions’** means the additional contractual terms.

**‘Specifications’** means the statement of requirements that the Council requests you to provide if selected.

**‘Tenderer Representative’** means the Tenderer’s nominated single point of contact within the Tenderer’s organisation for all communications in relation to the invitation to tender.

## Preparing a Tender Response

### General Requirements

Each Tender Response is required to contain one copy of the documents listed in the clause titled “Documents to be Lodged” in these Conditions of Tendering.

Each Tender Response (excluding attachments or supplementary information provided by the Tenderer) must be in English. A Tender Response that does not comply with this requirement will be declared inadmissible for assessment.

### Tenderers to Inform Themselves

Tenderers must, at their own expense, inform themselves of all circumstances and conditions relating to submitting a Tender Response and carrying out the Works. This includes compliance with all legislation, an inspection of the relevant site(s) and satisfying themselves as to the correctness and sufficiency of the RFT documentation.

### Tender Costs

The Tenderer is responsible for all costs associated with preparing a Tender Response.

The Principal will not be liable for any expense or loss, which may be incurred by any Tenderer in the preparation or submission of its Tender Response.

### Enquiries

Should the Tenderer:

1. have any doubts as to the meaning of any part of the RFT; or
2. find any discrepancy, error or omission in the RFT,

the Tenderer should seek clarification from the person listed below, as early as possible but in any event before the stated time and date for closing of the RFT.

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| For enquiries about the Works contact: | Name | Luke Haddow |
|  | Email | Luke.haddow@ropergulf.nt.gov.au |

**Enquiries or Request for Information or Clarification**

Tenderers may submit a written request for clarification on any part of the RFT documents, prior to lodgement of their Tender. Written clarifications must be submitted by email to the Nominated Contact Person(s)

It is the Tenderer’s responsibility to allow enough time for transmittal of all submitted tender documents to ensure they are received before the deadline.

We recommend that Tenderers contact the Principal to confirm receipt of their email or if successfully lodged in e-lodgement portals of Tenderlink.

### Addendum

The Principal may vary, update or clarify the RFT at any time before the stated time and date for closing of the RFT through the issue of an Addendum.

No explanation or amendment to the RFT will be binding unless in the form of an Addendum. Any Addendum issued under this clause will become part of this RFT.

### Best Offer

Notwithstanding anything which may be done pursuant to the assessment process, the Principal intends to select the successful Tenderer primarily on the basis of the Tender Responses lodged but will also take into consideration any other information publicly available or known to the Principal. Accordingly, Tenderers should provide their best offer in their Tender Response.

## Tender Response Validity

Tender Responses must remain valid and open for acceptance by the Principal for a period of forty-five (45) days.

Upon the expiry of the validity period:

1. a Tenderer may withdraw their Tender Response by written notice to the Principal; or
2. the Principal may, by close of business on the date of expiry, request an extension to the validity period.

## Part Offer and Part Acceptance

Tenders are required to be submitted for the whole of the Works. Part offers will not be accepted.

## Pricing

### General Requirements

Unless otherwise specified, prices must:

1. be stated in Australian dollars;
2. be inclusive of:
3. GST (where applicable);
4. all costs required to carrying out the Works, including labour, materials, transport, freight, overheads, profits and charges; and
5. all taxes, fees, duties, royalties, premiums, costs, charges and the like which will be due and payable to any person or authority under the Contract.

Unless otherwise required, pricing must be submitted for each item in the schedule and failure to price all items may result in the Tender Response being declared inadmissible for assessment.

### Treatment of Low or Aberrant Prices

Where a price (or a key element of a Tender Response price) is considered well below or above the median price or the Principal’s estimated value, the Tenderer may be requested to confirm the tendered price or respond to questions regarding particular aspects of the Tender Response. The Tenderer may also be requested to provide written confirmation that the requirement and contractual obligations relevant to the Works are fully understood.

The Principal may, at its discretion, either:

1. proceed with the evaluation of the Tender Response; or
2. where there is evidence that acceptance of the Tender Response may result in an unacceptable contract outcome or pose a substantial risk to the completion of the Works or the sustainability of the Tenderer, set the Tender Response aside from further assessment.

## Conflict of Interest

For the purpose of this clause a “Conflict” means any matter, circumstance, interest, or activity affecting the Tenderer (including the officers, employees, agents and sub-contractors of the Tenderer) which may or may appear to impair the ability of the Tenderer to perform the Contract diligently and independently.

Tenderers must declare any Conflict in their Tender Response.

Tenderers must not place themselves in a position that may, or does, give rise to a Conflict during the RFT process.

If at any time during the RFT process, a Tenderer is aware that an actual, potential or perceived Conflict exists or may arise, that Tenderer must immediately notify the Principal.

If a Conflict exists or arises during the RFT, the Principal may:

1. declare the Tender Response inadmissible for assessment.
2. enter into discussions to seek to resolve the Conflict; or
3. take any other action it considers appropriate.

## Local Content

RGRC is committed to supporting businesses that use local contractors and suppliers who hire and train Territorians. Assessment will take into consideration businesses that demonstrate a commitment to supporting and employing Territorians including Indigenous Territorians, accredited training for its employees and sourcing goods and services from local businesses.

## Industry Participation

Tenderers are required to demonstrate their commitment to local participation, in relation to the Works to be completed, in their Tender Response. Failure to demonstrate a commitment to local participation in the Tender Response may result in the Tender Response being declared inadmissible.

## Lodgement of Tender Response

### Lodgment

Unless otherwise directed by the Principal, Tender Responses must be lodged using the following method:

1. Electronically through the email address stated on the cover to the RFT. Tenderers shall note that the maximum email size is limited to 20MB. As such, any submissions which are larger than this will be required to be sent in multiple emails to ensure receipt by the nominated closing date and time.

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in the Tender Response being declared inadmissible for assessment.

If, for any reason, a part of a Tender Response (excluding the pricing schedule(s)) becomes corrupt, illegible, inadequate or incomplete as a result of transmission or storage, the Principal may request an additional copy of the Tender Response.

If, for any reason, the pricing schedule(s) contained in a Tender Response becomes corrupt, illegible, inadequate or incomplete as a result of transmission or storage the Tender Response may be declared inadmissible for assessment.

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| For enquiries about lodgement contact | Name | Procurement Compliance Coordinator |
|  | Email | Procurement@ropergulf.nt.gov.au |

### Documents to be Lodged

The Tenderer will complete in full and submit one copy of the documents listed below.

Failure to provide all documents may result in the Tender Response being declared inadmissible for assessment.

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| Documents to be Lodged |
| Tenderer Details  Declaration by Tenderer  Responses to Assessment Criteria Including:   * Lump Sum Price and Break-Down (within RS document) * Schedule of Assumptions and Qualifications (within RS document) |

### Closing Time and Date

The RFT will close at the time and date stated on the front cover.

### Late Tenders

Tender Responses are to be received, in full, by the time and date for closing of the RFT.

Failure to lodge a Tender Response, or part thereof, before the time and date for closing of the RFT may result in the Tender Response being declared inadmissible for assessment.

## Admissibility

### General

Unless otherwise specified, if a Tenderer fails to comply with a requirement as set out in these Conditions of Tendering, their Tender Response may be declared inadmissible for assessment.

In determining whether a Tender Response is admissible for assessment the Principal will consider:

1. whether admitting the Tender Response will compromise the integrity of the tender process;
2. whether the Tenderer has or is likely to gain an unfair advantage;
3. reasons for the Tenderer’s failure to comply with a requirement;
4. whether the Tender Response is capable of assessment;
5. whether the Tender Response was mishandled by the Principal or a third party; and
6. evidence of unfair practices.

### Bankruptcy/Insolvency

The Principal may, in its absolute discretion, declare a Tender Response inadmissible for assessment in circumstances where the Tenderer is bankrupt or in liquidation.

### Improper Conduct

The Principal may, in its absolute discretion, declare a Tender Response inadmissible for assessment where, in the reasonable opinion of the Principal (being based on fact or a reasonable belief), the Tenderer has engaged in “improper conduct” as that term is defined in the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017 (NT).

## Ownership of Documents

All Tender Responses will become the property of the Principal upon submission and will not be returned to Tenderers.

By lodging a Tender Response, a Tenderer licenses the Principal to reproduce the whole or any portion of the Tender Response for the purposes of the conduct of the RFT, including assessment, clarifications, resultant contract negotiation, contract management, and anything else in relation to these purposes.

Nothing in this clause changes or affects the ownership of copyright or other intellectual property rights that may subsist in the Tender Response.

## Changes to the Conditions

### Conditions of Tendering

Tenderers are not permitted to request changes or propose alternatives to these Conditions of Tendering.

Any Tenderer who proposes a change will be requested to withdraw the change in order to comply with the Conditions of Tendering.

If the changes are not withdrawn the Tender Response will be declared inadmissible for assessment.

### Conditions of Contract

Tenderers are permitted to request changes or propose alternatives to the Conditions of Contract applicable to the RFT however the acceptance or rejection of these changes is at the sole discretion of the Principal.

Where the Principal determines the proposed changes are not acceptable or are acceptable with additional amendments, the Tenderer will be requested to either withdraw the proposed change or accept the additional amendment.

If the changes are not withdrawn or the additional amendments accepted, the Tender Response will be declared inadmissible for assessment.

## Tender Assessment Criteria

Selection of the successful Tenderer will be based on a best value for the RGRC in accordance with the nominated assessment criteria.

An example of the types of considerations that may form part of each criterion are set out below, these elements are not to be considered exclusive to any specific RFT.

1. Past Performance:
2. Performance history including experience in completing similar Works and the extent to which previous undertakings were achieved.
3. Standard and quality of Works previously completed.
4. Extent of supervision previously required.
5. Referees.
6. Timeliness:
7. Ability to manage the completion of the Works within timeframes specified.
8. Vulnerabilities to the completion timeframe.
9. Capacity:
10. Ability to complete the Works including the experience and capacity of nominated personnel or sub-contractors.
11. Number, details and value of contracts currently in progress.
12. Legal action pending.
13. Financial capacity.
14. Risk.
15. Local Content:
16. Enhancement of industry and business capability in the Northern Territory.
17. Improved capacity and quality in carrying out the Works.
18. Accredited training programs currently supported by the Tenderer or that will be supported or utilised in carrying out the Works.
19. Proposed level of usage of apprentices and trainees in carrying out the Works.
20. Proposed number of jobs for Territorians that will be supported or utilised in carrying out the Works.
21. Proposed level of involvement of local Indigenous enterprise in the Works.
22. Proposed level of usage of Territory Enterprises as sub-contractor or suppliers.
23. Regional development opportunities.
24. Price:
25. Upfront costs.
26. Through-life costs, for example:

* Cost of ongoing training of RGRC staff.
* Cost of transit in and out or implementation from one provider to another.

1. Any other factors that would impact on costs to the Principal.
2. Where a shortlisting process is utilised, Price will not be the only determining factor.

### Disclosure of Weightings

Assessment criteria and percentage weightings applicable to the RFT are as follows:

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| Past Performance | 20% |
| Timeliness | 15% |
| Capacity | 15% |
| Local Content | 30% |
| Price | 20% |
| **TOTAL** | **100%** |

## Conduct of the Assessment

### General

For the purpose of the assessment, clarification, negotiation and reporting of this RFT the Principal may disclose information acquired or developed during the assessment process (including a copy of the Tender Response) to executive staff, consultants, advisors, other agencies and statutory authorities in order to comply with obligations, exercise rights under this RFT and enable effective management or auditing of the Principal’s activities.

### Clarification and Additional Information

The Tenderer may be called upon to clarify information contained in their Tender Response or to supply information in addition to the Tender Response to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Principal that the Tenderer has the ability to carry out the Works.

The Tenderer must within the time specified comply with any such requests. Failure to submit any or all of the information required, in the time stipulated, may result in the Tender Response being declared inadmissible for further assessment.

### Security, Probity and Financial checks

The Principal reserves the right during any part of the assessment of Tender Responses to perform such security, probity and financial investigations and checks as the Principal may determine are necessary in relation to Tenderers, their employees, officers, partners, associates, sub-contractor or related entities and their employees, officers and sub-contractor. These checks may include (without limitation) ascertaining in relation to each Tenderer:

1. security;
2. financial viability and stability;
3. managerial and technical capacity;
4. corporate history;
5. significant litigation (past, present or pending); and
6. any other matters the Principal considers relevant.

Tenderers must, at their cost, promptly provide the Principal with such information or documentation that the Principal requires in order to undertake such investigations or checks.

The Principal may declare a Tender Response inadmissible for further assessment if the Tenderer does not promptly provide all reasonable assistance to the Principal in this regard or based on the outcomes of the investigations or checks.

### Tender Response Shortlisting Process

#### General

All admissible Tender Responses may be subject to the shortlisting process.

#### Shortlisting

1. Tender Responses may be shortlisted based on:
2. completeness of response;
3. local content;
4. past performance;
5. whether the Tender Response presents an acceptable level of risk to the Principal;
6. price.
7. The Principal reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to shortlist any number of Tender Responses, including one or more, all or none of the Tender Responses.
8. The Principal is not obliged to shortlist the lowest priced Tender Responses.
9. The Principal reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to shortlist Tender Responses by taking into account any other factors it deems necessary and appropriate.
10. The Principal reserves the right at its absolute discretion, to remove a Tender Response from the shortlist at any time for any reason and will notify the Tenderer of its removal from the shortlist without any obligation to provide reasons for the removal.

#### Shortlisted Tender Responses

1. If a Tender Response is shortlisted, the Tenderer will be notified in writing by the Principal of that fact.
2. Shortlisted responses will then proceed to assessment.

#### Non-shortlisted Tender Responses

1. Where a Tender Response is not shortlisted, the Tenderer will be notified in writing by the Principal of that fact.
2. Non-shortlisted Tender Responses will be held in reserve to be considered in the event that the Principal elects not to proceed with any Shortlisted Tender Responses.
3. A Tenderer that has received notification they have not been shortlisted shall be entitled to withdraw their Tender Response by giving the Principal written notice of such withdrawal within 5 Business Days of receiving the notice.
4. Where a Tenderer’s Tender Response was not shortlisted, that Tenderer will be entitled to request a debriefing, as to why their Tender Response was not shortlisted, at the conclusion of the RFT process. The information discussed will be limited to the aspects of the Tender Response that were considered in the shortlisting process.

## Negotiations

1. The Principal may engage in detailed discussions and negotiations with one or more Tenderers.
2. The selection of Tenderers under this clause does not bind the Principal to a contractual relationship and is not an indication that the Tenderer will be successful.
3. The result of any successful negotiations will be incorporated into the Contract.

## Notification of Acceptance

The Principal will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender Response.

The successful Tenderer will be notified in writing on the completion of the RFT process (**‘Notice of Acceptance’**).

Unless otherwise specified, the Notice of Acceptance forms a binding agreement between the Principal and the successful Tenderer on the terms set out in the Contract. The Notice of Acceptance will, at the Principal’s discretion, be issued by pre-paid post, facsimile or email to the address stated in the Tender Response.

A Tenderer should not act on any representations or statements made by the Principal, its employees or agents prior to the issue of the Notice of Acceptance.

Information will be confined to discussion of the Tenderer’s Tender Response and under no circumstances will information relating to another Tender Response be disclosed.

The Principal may publish details of the successful Tender Response, including the name and address of the Tenderer, value of the contract awarded and a description of the Works.

## Unsuccessful Tender Responses

Unsuccessful Tenderers will be informed in writing of the outcome of their Tender Response at the conclusion of the RFT process.

# CONDITIONS of CONTRACT

The Conditions of Contract applicable to this RFT are the **Roper Gulf Regional Council General Contract Conditions Annexure.**

**Tenderers please note:**

Sections 1 and 2 comprising the Conditions of Tender and Special Conditions of Contract are provided within this RFT document.

You are advised to ensure you are familiar with the rules of tendering and with the contractual obligations of the parties under any subsequent Contract. You are further advised to reference the Conditions of Contract, on the following pages, which detail specific requirements applicable to this RFT.

## conditions of contract

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|  | Basis of Payment | | Lump Sum Fee |
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|  | Principal’s Representative is | Title | Chief Executive Officer, Roper Gulf Regional Council |
|  |  | Address | GPO Box 1321, Katherine NT 0801 |
|  | | Email | ceo@ropergulf.nt.gov.au |
|  | | | |
|  | Address for Service of Notices | Title | Chief Executive Officer, Roper Gulf Regional Council |
|  |  | Department | Roper Gulf Regional Council |
|  | | Address | GPO Box 1321, Katherine NT 0801  Attn: Contract Manager  Contract: RGRC-2024-002 |
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|  | Time for Commencement | | Fourteen (14) Days |
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|  | Time for Completion | | Four (4) Weeks |
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|  | Public Liability Insurance required | | $10,000,000.00 |
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|  | Ownership of Intellectual Property | | Ownership by the Principal |
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|  | Limitation of Liability | | Not Applicable |
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# SCOPE OF SERVICES

## Roper Gulf Regional Council

Approximately 6,486 people reside in the Roper Gulf region (Census 2021), 75% of our population identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. The Roper Gulf Regional Council (RGRC) continues to work towards sustainability and delivering quality and improved services to the people of the Roper Gulf region. As an established Council, there are unique opportunities for local experience and input to steer Council’s project obligations and requirements with a positive future direction.

The Roper Gulf Regional Council area is located in the north-eastern section of the Northern Territory. The Councils area spans 201,000 square kilometres, almost three times the size of Tasmania, making Council’s operational footprint one of the largest in the Northern Territory.

The regional boundary runs from the Southern side of the Kakadu escarpment to the Northern edge of the Barkly Tablelands, and from the Western fringe of the Stuart Highway to the Gulf of

Carpentaria and Queensland border. More than 700 kilometres of coastline runs along the eastern edge of the Local Government Area.

There are five Wards that make up the Roper Gulf region - Never Never, Numbulwar-Numburindi, Nyirranggulung, South-West Gulf and Yugul Mangi. Within these Wards are 14 townships and remote indigenous communities that our Council services.

The RGRC Council strongly promotes and values Indigenous culture with traditional ties to the land.

## Background

Roper Gulf Regional Council (the client) is seeking public tender quotations for the construction of the Mataranka Council Office building Wastewater Management System – Stage Two. The works are within the town of Mataranka, Northern Territory.

The Council office building has several buildings within the allotment with some of the buildings have their wastewater outflows draining to separate septic treatment systems. The reason for the two staged approach was due to land application leach drain failure, the absorption was flooding and causing public nuisance. The RGRC management decided to have the system upgraded and replaced late last year as part of the Stage one works. Mataranka is a town in the Northern Territory located on the Stuart Highway approximately 4 hours by car south of Darwin. The town boasts a population of around 400 people and has significant tourist accommodation, a local police station and convenience stores. Mataranka aerodrome is approximately a distance of 3 kilometres from the community.

## SITE OF WORKS

The site is located on located at the corner of the Stuart Highway and Warloch St. NT. The site is relatively level and easily accessible from the side street.

Area 1: Existing Septic Systems. Looking Northeast.



Area 2: Existing Septic Systems. At rear of property.

The images above show the existing septic systems which are to be made redundant, removed off-site and disposed of appropriately. These systems will be replaced with a centralised wastewater treatment plant. More information on the scope of works in the item 3.5 and section 4.

The contractor/s must consider:

* Local community engagement, respect values
* Whole of the site, ongoing, current and future works
* Public image and respect of the RGRC and its staff and visitors
* On-Site constraints of the available land, lot boundaries, neighbouring businesses
* Traffic and pedestrian links and whereabouts
* Adjacent sites relative to the Office site and existing infrastructure
* Contractor access and ownership of the site
* Location and proximity to residents
* Work, Health and Safety Risks
* Environmental, contaminated soil

## Objectives and Outcomes

* Minimal maintenance requirements during the operational phase
* Minimal operational costs during the operational phase
* Improve amenity for staff and visitors
* Local Identity - work with RGRC’s staff and management to provide and develop a successful project outcome that will not differ from standard commercial premises
* Offer opportunities for local indigenous people and suppliers in construction and delivery of the project

The Constructor must respond against the aforementioned project objectives within their tender submission describing their contractual intent for this project. This is to provide the assessment panel with a more in-depth understanding of the tenderer’s appreciation for the project, objectives and site.

## preliminary brief

The intention of this contract is to construct, install and commission a complete compliant wastewater management system noting that the land application area has been installed and certified as part of stage one works. The scope of works consists of two sections, one section adjacent the Office building and the other in the vicinity of the Aged Care building. For explanation reasons, Section 1 will be the Office building area and Section 2 the Aged Care building area. Section 1 requires decommissioning of the existing system and reconnection of the new Fujiclean CE6000, removal and reinstatement of the existing septic systems. Also noting that the Fujiclean wastewater treatment plant has been procured and will be provided by RGRC. The Fujiclean CE6000 will be delivered to site by RGRC as packaged by the manufacturer ready for installation by the successful contractor. All fittings, pipelines and connections are to be provided on site as part of this tender. Site services connections are to be made from the services from the existing plant. Set-out of the plant locations will be confirmed on site with the RGRC representative in reference to the design drawings. The power for the new plant is to be extended from the connection that currently serves the existing sewer pump station. Sanitary drainage connections are to be made to the existing pipelines and extended to suit the plant locations. The wastewater land application area has been installed and is not part of this tender. Allowance for the new connections to the wastewater land application will form part of the tender.

Section 2 of the tender consists of a new trade waste arrestor, a sewer pump station fit-out and new rising main connecting to the Fujiclean CE6000. Removal and reinstatement of the existing septic systems will form part of the tender. Similar to Section 1’ all fittings, pipelines and connections are to be provided on site as part of this tender. Site services connections are to be made from the services from the existing plant. Set-out of the plant locations will be confirmed on site with the RGRC representative in reference to the design drawings. The power for the new plant is to be extended from the connection that currently serves the existing sewer pump station. Sanitary and trade waste drainage connections are to be made to the existing pipelines and extended to suit the plant locations. The existing wastewater land application area is partially covered by the new Aged care building and will need the concrete covers removed as part of this tender. Allowance for the new connections to the new Fujiclean CE6000 will form part of the tender.

All connection fees, approvals and submissions will form part of this contract.

As part of the tender process, the successful tenderer will be required to meet with a group of stakeholders including the Roper Gulf Regional Council local delegates to determine existing concerns, conditions and constraints, and ensure current maintenance issues address future development impacts. Consideration must also be given to construction challenges, construction capability, quality control and material availability specific to the Mataranka community.

It is envisaged that the extent of works will include (but not limited to) the below scope:

* **Demolition:** of the redundant plant, equipment and services within the work area.
* **Termination:** Termination and removal of any redundant in ground services left following the removal of existing plant, equipment and fixtures.
* **Plant and Equipment:** Allow to provide all associated plant and equipment (with the exception of the Fujiclean CE6000), in reference to the design drawings including associated pipework and fittings.
* **Site Surrounds**: All works are to be performed with care for surrounds and existing fixtures. All grounds are to be reinstated back to “as found” with allowance for soil settlement.
* **Electrical Connections**: Allow for all electrical power connection works pertaining to the new wastewater management system.
* **Landscaping:** Allow to reinstate all components of the existing areas irrigation system inclusive of grass, irrigation system sprinklers, and pipelines. Note this is applicable to both sections of the work areas.

## SITE VISITS

There is not a scheduled, mandatory site visit as part of this tender process. Tenderers must familiarise themselves with the town of Mataranka and the proposed construction site.

## REQUISITE SKILLS AND RESOURCES

This Contractor will require experience in remote construction works. and supply services installations. The tenderer must have specific experience in the construction, installation and delivery of remote construction projects.

These requisite skills, resources, expertise and availability must be demonstrated within the tender submission.

## communications Structure

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| **TENDERER PRINCIPAL USER GROUPS & OTHER STAKEHOLDERS** |  | **PRINCIPAL**  Client - Roper Gulf Regional Council -RGRC |
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|  |  | **PRINCIPAL’S REPRESENTATIVE**  *Project Manager’s* – Architectural Water Solutions |
|  |  |  |
| **Cost Management**  Quantity Surveyor |  | **BUILDING CONTRACTOR**  (Principal Building Contractor) |
|  |  |  |
|  | | SUB-CONTRACTORS |

## CONFIDENTIALITY, PUBLICITY & media

The Tenderer shall make sure its employees and sub-consultants, including suppliers, strictly comply with the Confidentiality, Publicity and Media requirements in the Conditions of Contract.

The Tenderer must not issue documents to persons or authorities without the written consent of the Principal. A written authority, when issued, is applicable only to the specific issue or documents mentioned in the approval.

The Tenderer will provide evidence of any existing or potential conflict of interest in their proposal, noting this within their submission.

The information contained within this Request for Tender, including associated reference and other documentation is considered Commercial in Confidence.

The RGRC retains the Intellectual Property Rights to all documents, reports, analysis, drawings and specifications. This includes information supplied by the RGRC and the deliverables supplied by the Tenderer as part of this project. All information must be treated as confidential.

The Tenderer should not pass this information to any third party (including the public) during or after the tender period. The Tenderer should not use the information/data for any other project other than the work under the Contract.

## work health & safety MANAGEMENT – safety in construction

The Tenderer (Contractor) will make sure all staff, workers and its sub-contractors comply with the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011.* The Principal Contractormust make sure any structure it builds (or manages the building of, as the case may be) is, so far as is reasonably practicable, without risk to the health and safety of persons who will use, occupy, construct or carry out any activity at or in the vicinity of the structure. In particular, the Tenderer will:

1. implement a risk management process to make sure any hazards associated with the building of the new toilet block are identified, assessed and, as far as reasonably practicable, eliminated or minimised to be risk adverse;
2. consult, cooperate and coordinate with others who may contribute to the safe construction of the structure including the Principal, sub-consultants, construction contractors and end users;
3. ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the workplace is secured from unauthorised access, having regard to all relevant matters, including risks to health and safety arising from unauthorised access to the workplace, the likelihood of unauthorised access occurring and, to the extent to which it cannot be prevented, how to isolate hazards within the workplace;
4. obtaining essential services information when excavation work is to be carried out and providing it to any person engaged to carry out the excavation work;
5. maintain appropriate records regarding the construction process and the risk management process, including the results of any calculation, analysis, testing or examination, risk assessment and any conditions to make sure the structure is safe, and provide such records to:
6. the Principal; and
7. any other person who occupies, uses or carries out any activity at or in the vicinity of the structure on request.
8. provide a report to the Principal detailing the health and safety aspects of the construction and which includes information about any identified or potential hazards, access problems or any handling risks.

Contractors must have their own system to fulfil their individual obligations under the legislation.

## hazard identification form

Prior to accessing site, the Contractor is required to review all site hazards and risks with RGRC. These will be recorded in a Hazard Identification Form and provided to the successful main works tenderer. Prior to visiting the site, the Contractor must ensure all staff and subcontractors are familiar with issues identified in the Hazard Identification Form.

The Contractor is deemed to have understood the implications of the site hazards, risks as advised by RGRC (where applicable) and via its own investigation.

# the services

## description of the work under the agreement

This contract requirement is a general outline of the work to be carried out under the Contract comprises of the documentation and construction of:

Construction Contract:

* Construct, install a complete functioning wastewater management system.
* Submission of a maintenance regime with local awareness training for council office staff.
* Landscaping, reinstatement and external areas adjacent sections 1 and 2.
* External grounds adjacent the building footprint are to be left “as found”.
* Includes site preparation and construction including connection to services.
* Building service connections to the external infrastructure.
* Compliance with the Building Act, NT Building Regulations and the National Construction Code

The Contractor must provide complete and comprehensive services requirements integral with the intent of the project. This includes construction, installation of all services relating to the new wastewater management system, and the preparation and submission of all deliverables. This Contract is to include, but is not limited to, the engagement of any sub-contractors as required to complete the scope of works. It is noted, should any services or specific deliverables not be listed within this document, but be pertinent to the construction delivery and documentation of the project, the Contractor is to include this within the tender and clearly articulate this within their tender submission.

RGRC anticipate professional contractor disciplines may include the provision and delivery of, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Construction/installation of a complete commissioned wastewater management system;
2. Structural components of the plant installation;
3. Civil and Stormwater management;
4. Electrical services;
5. Plumbing services;
6. Building Certification;
7. Geotechnical advice;
8. Surveyor (if applicable) – suitable thorough as-built drawings,

Provision and documentation services of all building construction works required for the project, including:

* A construction project team leader that has a strong proficiency in construction of wastewater management systems, to lead and coordinate the installation team including all sub-contractors through all project phases. The tenderer must have demonstrated experience in the construction of wastewater management systems and delivery of similar remote area projects of similar size and scope within Australia.
* The wastewater management system construction shall complement the project objectives and outcomes as specified in this RFT.
* The wastewater management system is to be constructed/installed in accordance with the required National Construction Code (NCC) and relevant legislative requirements and Australian Standards (AS) and local requirements for remote areas.
* Compliance to the DIPL Minimum Construction Standards and Guidelines.
* Full coordination of all contractor disciplines, including all drawings, schedules, specifications, reports and documents, during the project.
* All structures/plant foundations must comply with NCC and Australian Standards requirements and compaction tested as per the NT Building Act and Regulations.
* Construction is to comply with required cyclone and seismic rating requirements.
* Assess current overland flow drainage and stormwater of the site for diversion away from the buildings, plant and work areas.
* Site set outs and levels of the new plant and equipment. Planning and set-out of the site will be required in liaison with the RGRC. This may include changes in locations (to coordinate with other services), levels, pedestrian thoroughfare access, and removal of existing redundant site plant and equipment.
* Minor earthworks and grading, including cut/fill.
* Pathways and retaining walls if applicable.
* Interfaces with internal paths and other spaces.
* Liaise with all relevant authorities (including local council) for approvals and confirmation of information, to determine major upgrades and design requirements.

## ELECTRICAL

Provision and specifications items for all the electrical works required for the project.

* Electrical plant connection requirements – external, including connection services to the plant;
* Coordinate location of system components, such as major plant and equipment;
* Compliance to DIPL Minimum Standards and Technical specifications.
* Commissioning of electrical connections to AS3000.

## HYDRAULIC – Water and Sewerage

Provision and specification items for all the plumbing works required for the project.

* Communicate with the RGRC local council management, for any shutdowns, ensure surety of supply.
* Sanitary drainage – Allow for connection of the existing waste drainage as per the plant manufacturers requirements.
* Coordinate the new sanitary drainage connections to the new plant with other services.
* Provide the required ‘Section 40’ construction certificate at the completion and commissioning of the project.
* Compliance to DIPL Minimum Standards and Technical specifications.

## Construction/Installation certification

* Provide Section 40 certification for the proposed works and identify all required works to achieve compliance (including requirements from all other required regulatory authorities).
* Assess documentation to determine compliance with the requirements of the NT Building Act and Regulations, its referenced Codes and Standards, NCC and Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA).
* Inspections of building works.
* Issue of Inspection Reports during the construction phase.
* Issue of Certificate of Occupancy.

## SITE SURVEY

Conduct a site feature survey of the area suitable for construction purposes of the project.

* Locate all services inclusive of water and drainage.
* Identify extent of existing fixed structures such as, but not limited to, existing buildings, fencing, gates, landscaped areas/trees etc.
* Use Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to determine existing underground services in the area of the new works and adjacent areas.

## aapa clearances

The building contractor is to contain all works within the existing lot including their laydown area in order to prevent any issues with the AAPA.

## inclusions / exclusions

### Inclusions:

* Construction/installation in compliance of commissioned wastewater management system compliant with the Australian Standards, NCC and ‘NTG Minimum Guidelines and Standards’.
* Consultation with RGRC staff, and local authorities.
* Organise and manage construction development meetings.
* Cross-check designs and drawings with other related disciplines.

### Exclusions:

* Project Management – by Architectural Water Solutions.

# deliverABLES

For all components, the Contractor shall undertake the construction/installation of the new wastewater management system, including tender documents as outlined in this Contract. It is noted, requirements may appear in any one or more of the documents contained within this RFT.

## DOCUMENTATION

### Drawings

Refer to the “Issued for Tender” drawings.

### Reports

All reports to be prepared on A4 size pages in ‘.pdf’ and Microsoft Word ‘.doc’ format.

1. Reports shall document all work carried where required to keep the client informed and submitted at all stages of the project.
2. Reports shall include photographs, diagrams and plans, as required to adequately describe the project.

### Document Handover

On completion of the Consultancy and prior to final payment, the Building Contractor shall deliver the following files:

1. Contract drawings with accurate as-built information.pdf’ (showing depth and location)
2. Construction certification documents.
3. Local Council clearance documents.

## project meetings

Project meetings will be planned and facilitated by the RGRC and required stakeholders throughout the project. The aim of project meetings is to develop the project fluently. These meetings will include a ‘start-up’ and can occur weekly depending on the performance of the building contractor and progress of the project. All “in-person” meetings for this project will be held at the local RGRC council office in Mataranka.

Copies of meeting minutes, correspondence and all discussions with service authorities or third parties must be provided to the Principal’s Representative.

## Coordination, Quality Assurance and Design Checking

It is the responsibility of the Plumbing Contractor to make sure all drawings, documents, specifications and schedules are checked during the tender period to highlight errors and omissions.

The Principal will not be responsible for any variations or extensions of time as a result of errors and/or omissions.

Any design variations or corrections required during tender and construction as a result of design errors or omissions shall be the responsibility of the Principal Design Consultant to amend and correct at the cost of the Design Consultant.

In the tender submission, the Plumbing Contractor must detail its quality assurance and coordination process. The Plumbing Contractor must demonstrate how it will manage its sub-contractor team to make sure all works are coordinated.

# DELIVERY TIMEFRAME

1. Completion of all Construction Deliverables from Award of Contract – **4 WEEKS**

As part of the tender submission, the Plumbing Contractor must provide a detailed program and methodology detailing how the project will deliver all deliverables within the nominated contract duration.

The Plumbing Contractor must continually update status and progress with the Principal’s Representative whilst working towards all deliverables.

The Plumbing Contractor will be responsible for developing and maintaining a detailed timeline to achieve the required milestones and completion date.

Included in the tender the Plumbing Contractor will provide, for the Principal Representative’s consideration and endorsement, a detailed Gantt chart highlighting all critical milestones, construction phases, for RGRC reviews and approvals.

The Plumbing Contractor will endeavour to adhere to the timelines. All changes and amendments must be confirmed in writing from the Principal’s Representative prior to the commencement of any additional works. All Milestones are inclusive of RGRC reviews, public holidays and shutdowns.

The following timeframes are indicative only and are subject to the Principal’s approval of the detailed program provided by the Building Contractor.

| **PROJECT PHASE SCHEDULE** | **FROM AWARD OF CONTRACT:** |
| --- | --- |
| Award of this Design Contract | Week 0 |
| Contract, Scope and Program Verification - including Risk/Procurement | Week 01 |
| Comprehensive Construction Report - 1 | Week 02 |
| Comprehensive Construction Report – 2  Construction (90%) - Final Construction Report | Week 03 |
| **Final** – (100%) Commissioning, Building Handover, Complete | Week 04 |
| **Total** | **4 Weeks** |

# References

It will be the responsibility of the Plumbing Contractor to be aware of the requirements and relevance of the following documents to the project and to incorporate the requirements into all construction development.

The Plumbing Contractor must advise the Principal’s Representative as soon as practicable if any of the design document information provided contains errors, omissions, or ambiguities relative to the requirements of the Contract deliverables.

The following relevant information must be referred to and its parameters incorporated into all deliverables under this Contract:

1. Australian Standards
2. National Construction Code
3. Remote Area Construction.
4. DIPL Minimum Design Standards and Technical Specifications.

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| **Item** | **Reference / Note** | **Addressed Y/N** |
| **STRUCTURAL** | | |
| **Minimum Design Standards** | Plant base compaction and foundation integrity values |  |
| **ELECTRICAL** | | |
| **Min. Design Standards** | <https://dipl.nt.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0012/240231/electrical-services-design.pdf> |  |
| **HYDRAULIC** | | |
| **Min. Design Standards** | <https://dipl.nt.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0013/240232/Hydraulic-Services-Design.pdf> |  |
| **CIVIL & STORMWATER** | | |
| **NTG Standard Drawings** | <https://dipl.nt.gov.au/infrastructure/specification-services/standard-drawings> |  |
| **Site Items** | Co-ordinate existing services with new work. Amend existing site levels to allow **general site drainage**. Ponding in any location is unacceptable. |  |

## attachments

The following documents form part of the Contract:

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| **ATTACHMENT** | **TITLE** |
| **Attachment A** | Design Drawings |
| **Attachment B** | Site Photographs |
| **Attachment D** | Site Ariel Drawing |