

## **West Dunbartonshire Council**

### **Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services**

**Tendering Committee: 3 June 2009**

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**Subject: PPP Project – ICT Active Equipment**

#### **1 Purpose**

To advise the Committee of tenders received for the provision of a LAN infrastructure and IP telephony solution for the 3 New PPP Schools – Clydebank High School, St. Peter the Apostle High School and Vale of Leven Academy and to seek approval to accept the best value tender.

#### **2 Background**

2.1 The tenders for the project were received on 19 May 2009 from three contractors following an advert being placed on the CATALIST procurement website. The evaluation process is now complete with the results as below.

#### **3 Main Issues**

3.1 The project comprises of the following elements

- Provision of a LAN Solution for each school.
- Provision of a centralised IP Telephony Solution for each school.
- Provision of a layer 3 switch connectivity for the new schools and associated primary schools.

3.2 It should be noted that the tender was assessed on the basis of “Most Economic Advantageous Tender” (MEAT) and not price alone. The tender evaluation comprises of the following criteria.

- Price - 60%.
- LAN equipment, IPT requirement and support - 30%.
- Implementation, Training and Timescales – 7%
- References and form of tender – 3%.

Total points scored shown in 5.1

#### **4 Personnel Issues**

4.1 Following the completion of this contract existing WDC resources within ICT and the Education Technicians Centre will be required to provide the physical connectivity and deployment of desktop PC's. This will take place from the handover dates of each school until the school opens in August 2009.

## **5 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 Three tenders have been received and have been checked arithmetically, represent good value by current pricing levels and can be accommodated within the Educational Services Capital Budget provision. The three tender returns were Carillion at £755,348.99 (96.3 points scored), Siemens at £848,289.00 (77.3 points scored) and Intrinsic Technology at £1,025,660.00 (76.8 points scored).

## **6 Risk Analysis**

- 6.1 All risks have been fully considered in the contract documentation and appropriate measures will be incorporated in the installation phase to meet health & safety regulations. Due to the tight project timescales failure to appoint the recommended contractor will result in no ICT or new telephony systems being available at handover of the new schools.

## **7 Conclusions and Officer's Recommendations**

- 7.1 The work required in this contract will provide the three new PPP schools with network connectivity to the WDC wide area network and a centralised IP telephony solution.
- 7.2 The Committee is invited to approve the awarding of the contract to Carillion in the amount of £755,348.99.

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**Appendices: None**

**Background Papers: None**

**Wards Affected: None**