

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONSULTANCY (2006-2009)
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 11 October 2006	Ref: C/LM/03/02	

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend acceptance of the tender from Blachere Illuminations UK Ltd for the contract "Christmas Lighting Consultancy (2006-2009)".

2. Background

2.1 The works comprise the annual design, installation and removal of the Christmas lighting displays within North Lanarkshire. The consultancy contract is for a three year period with possible extension of two years based on contractor performance.

2.2 Reference is made to the committee report of 29 August 2006 where committee approved, inter alia, that tenders be assessed on a Price / Quality basis, with the evaluation being considered on a 50/50 split.

3 Consideration

3.1 The works were advertised in the official journal of the European Union, and following interest from a number of applicants, tender documents were issued to seven contractors.

3.2 Of the tender documents issued, three tenders were received with four failing to lodge offers. Details of tenders issued are identified below. (in alphabetical order)

Tenders received

Amey Roads North Lanarkshire
Blachere Illuminations UK
Lightways, (Contractors) Ltd

Failed to tender

Bethell Lighting Services Ltd
Gala Lights Ltd
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Prakash Yewale

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The monetary value of the three tenders submitted is as below. (in value order).

	Before checking	After checking
Amey Roads North Lanarkshire	£234,369.90	£234,369.90
Blachere Illuminations UK	£237,405.00	£237,405.50
Lightways, (Contractors) Ltd	£243,789.01	£243,789.01

3.3 Following receipt of the tenders, a Quality Panel scrutinised the tender submissions under a pre-agreed procedure, assessing Quality then Price, with the details of the composite Price/Quality score shown in Appendix 1 and below.

Amey Roads North Lanarkshire	Price/Quality Score 83
Blachere Illuminations UK	Price/Quality Score 95
Lightways, (Contractors) Ltd	Price/Quality Score 91

3.4 Whilst the tender values are shown above, the scoring under the Price/Quality model delivers a score which determines the best value consideration for the Council.

3.5 The tender of £237,405.50 submitted by Blachere Illuminations UK has been considered by the Quality Panel to be best value and is worthy of consideration for acceptance. Funding for this project is included in the department's approved revenue programme for Private Contractors.

3.6 The project costs arising are as follows:-

Tender Costs	£237,405.50
Contingencies	£ 23,740.55
Total	£261,146.05

3.7 Entry to all sites is available.

3.8 The Health and Safety Plan has been considered by the Quality panel as acceptable. The Construction Phase Health and Safety Plan will be developed by the appointed Contractor prior to the commencement of work on site.

4 Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that Committee approves the award of the Christmas Lighting Consultancy (2006-2009) to Blachere Illuminations UK Ltd.



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Appendix 1

Christmas Lighting Consultancy 2006 -2009- Composite scores

Tenderer	Tender sum	%age above lowest		Price mark			
Amey Roads North Lanarkshire	234,369.90	0		100			
Blachere Illuminations UK	237,405.50	1		99			
Lightways, (Contractors) Ltd	243,789.01	4		96			
	Weighting (%)	Amey Roads North Lanarkshire Marks	Score	Blachere Illuminations UK Marks	Score	Lightways, (Contractors) Ltd Marks	Score
Capability / commitment	20	5.5	11	9.5	19	8.5	17
Functionality	10	6	6	9	9	8	8
Commercial standing	10	6	9	9	9	10	10
Health and safety	10	7	7	9	9	8	8
Price	50	100	50	99	49	96	48
Totals			83		95		91