

Industry Briefing

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Matters arising from the Q & A session

Question 1

- What is the Red Card requirement for delivery drivers?
- A Red Card is generally not required for delivery drivers, However they will need to attend the general induction to the project and to OH&S guidelines.

Question 2

- Will FutureFlow exist in the future?
- FutureFlow was formed to deliver the Shepparton Irrigation and Foodbowl projects, both of which will be completed by the end of this year.
- How is the Shepparton region works to come to the market?
- FutureFlow is managing the delivery of this work, and will put tender packages for the delivery of this work to the market in the future.
- Who will contractors bidding for NVIRP be working for?
- NVIRP will create work packages such that some contractors will be engaged directly by NVIRP and some may be engaged by other earthmoving contractors. Consequently it is recommended that everyone register with Tenderlink to be notified of the tender packages available and the ICN to create the network of contractors that can provide services to each other.

- How is NVIRP going to address the quality of the fencing that has been delivered on the modernisation program to date?
- G-MW has developed quality standards that NVIRP will perform the work to and opportunities for improvement in the administration of the fencing works will be identified and implemented as required.

Question 3

- Will Work Packages for Comms/ICT, Towers etc. be put to the market?
- The details of the work packages for the project will be posted to the Tenderlink website when they are known.

Question 4

- Are Work Packages on an annual basis or multiple years?
- At this stage work packages will be annually, however alternative tenders for greater durations will be considered.

Question 5

- Will tenders need to be submitted twice?
- Tender responses only need to be submitted once per tender. Some tender packages may seem similar so respondents must submit for a separate response for each tender.

Question 6

- Will Work Packages be released early this year (Sep/Oct) for more efficient engagement with industry?
- The aim in the future is to advertise the works packages as early as possible.

Question 7

- How open is NVIRP to innovation (products & services)?
- All need to be submitted, with a conforming tender, when the works packages are put to the market.
- All alternatives must meet the spirit & intent of G-MW Standards and National Metering Standards (in the case of meters) to demonstrate the performance of the design of components/sub-systems/systems as a G-MW operating system.

Question 8

- Will the timing of tenders allow for long lead items to be imported?
- We are aware that there are items requiring long lead time, i.e. the 2mm HDPE liner and all tenders where possible will provide the opportunities for the procurement of these materials.
- ICN is looking at opportunities to establish business cases for the manufacture of such items in the GMID.

Question 9

- What size Work Packages are the jobs going to be tendered?
- Will vary depending on size/nature of packages and duration

Question 10

- Will increased cost be a consideration for local vs imported products?
- All tenders are evaluated looking at value for money
- Many items (HDPE Liner, Stainless Steel, Aluminium etc.) have long lead times which is factored into the evaluation of each tender and the alternatives

Question 11

- Is it a full gravity system?
- Yes, however the NVRIP Connections teams are looking at spur lines and some of these works may include the use of pressurised pipe reticulation systems on-farm.

Question 12

- Who's choice is it as to what meters are installed on each farm?
- The irrigator determines the meter requirements in consultation within NVIRP.
- What options are there?
- G-MW have established standard designs and sizes with guidelines to give farmers assistance on the options available.