

ALC05/Manual Street Sweeping and Cleaning

Three companies submitted their offer:

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| o Innovative Services | €58,200 |
| o Charles & Joseph Gauci | €64,050 |
| o Veladrians | €56,434 |

As agreed during the Council meeting of Wednesday, 30th January 2013, we requested the three companies in question to meet with representatives of the Council in order to explain further how they intend to carry on this task, in line with all the requirements of the tender, and for the satisfaction of the Council and the residents of Attard.

The meeting was held on Friday 1st February 2013 at the office of the Council and it was conducted by the following members:

- o Stefan Cordina – Mayor
- o John Bonnici – Councillor
- o Gerald Borg – Councillor
- o Remigio Bartolo – Councillor

The issues which were raised during the meeting were based on the following points:

- o Number of workers dedicated for this particular task and for Attard
- o Availability in urgent circumstances such as feast days, Sundays, Village feast, etc.
- o Supervision of workers
- o Machinery (availability of replacement when not in action due to repair of service)

Innovative Services:

- o Number of workers dedicated for this particular task and for Attard – 4 workers
- o Availability in urgent circumstances such as feast days, Sundays, Village feast, etc. - Yes
- o Supervision of workers - Yes
- o Machinery (availability of replacement when not in action due to repair of service) one small mechanical sweeper dedicated for Attard – may be replaced if out of action or requires service)

One main negative issue which the representative of Innovative Services proposed was that they will be putting up a Fixed Skip somewhere in the Village where all the refuse gathered by the mechanical sweeper is stored till it is full up and emptied. Although this Fixed Skip will be locked there is the possibility that some residents will throw garbage bags and other waste near this Skip, thus creating a waste dump.

Veladrians:

- o Number of workers dedicated for this particular task and for Attard – 2 workers (owners) will provide others if required
- o Availability in urgent circumstances such as feast days, Sundays, Village feast, etc. – Yes
- o Supervision of workers – Yes by owners
- o Machinery (availability of replacement when not in action due to repair of service) one mechanical sweeper still to be brought from abroad plus one Hoover. (may be replaced if out of action or requires service)

One main negative issue is that they do not have previous experience of street sweeping and the number of workers at present is limited. Infact the same persons do all the refuse collection of the village.

Charles & Joseph Gauci:

- Number of workers dedicated for this particular task and for Attard – 19 workers (4 dedicated for the village all year round + other 2 when special circumstances arise)
- Availability in urgent circumstances such as feast days, Sundays, Village feast, etc. - Yes
- Supervision of workers – Yes – by owners
- Machinery (availability of replacement when not in action due to repair of service) – Besides the usual Manual sweeping, Charles & Joseph Gauci already make use of a blower and intend to purchase two new Manual Vacuum Cleaners in a few days time.

After taking into consideration the fact that Charles & Joseph Gauci have been performing the Manual street sweeping and cleaning in Attard for quite a long time without any major difficulties and were always available when special circumstances arose, and also that they intend to enhance their services by providing two new Manual Vacuum Cleaners, we have come into conclusion to propose to the Council that Charles & Joseph Gauci will once again be awarded this Tender.

We are also suggesting that after being officially informed that they have been awarded the Tender, we should set a meeting with them to establish a clear programme to cover all requirements of sweeping and cleaning and to make it clear that although the contract is awarded for one year which may be extended for three more years, if the Council and the residents are not satisfied with their service and performance, the contract may be terminated after warnings are issued.

Stefan Cordina
John Bonnici
Gerald Borg
Remigio Bartolo

1st February, 2013