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Council invites tenders for airport terminal upgrade

GLADSTONE Regional Council will invite six (6) contractors to submit a tender for the expansion of the Gladstone Airport Terminal.

Expressions of interest from building contractors were called for in April this year, with six Expressions Of Interest (EOI) submissions received by the Council by closing time for submissions.

EOI submissions were received from:

- John Foster Projects;
- Woollam Constructions;
- Thomas & Coffey;
- Gavin Construction;
- Wietalaba Holdings Pty Ltd; and
- Synergy Consultants Pty Ltd.

Tenders will close on June 19, with the appropriate assessment process expected to take a number of weeks.

Gladstone Regional Council Chief Executive Officer Graeme Kanofski said Council was expected to announce the selected contractor by mid-July, with terminal expansion works expected to commence about late-July.

Phase One of the terminal works is expected to take about four months, and will involve enlarging the existing arrival and departure hall areas, modifications to the bistro area, and construction of an area to provide for future check bag and passenger screening related to regular public transport (RPT) jet craft operations.

The initial expansion phase will not involve installation of passenger screening and bag check equipment, which will only be required when and if a commitment for RPT jet craft operations is made.

"Council will provide further advice on the project schedule and timing once a tender has been formally accepted," Mr Kanofski said.

Please see attached plans for the planned upgrade to the arrival and departure hall areas.

MEDIA INFORMATION: For further information contact Council's Chief Executive Officer Graeme Kanofski on 4970 0700.