

Auckland City Council-Transport Division The Move to Smarter Procurement

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Abstract

In 2006 Auckland City Council completed a structural change that created one Transport Division. The reporting structure of Transport Division includes Transport Infrastructure Delivery Group (TIDG) which is responsible for maintenance and renewal of transport assets currently costing \$140 million per annum through nine separate contracts.

Auckland City is competing for scarce infrastructure resources in a regional market that is expected to grow particularly in the time period up to the 2011 rugby world cup.

TIDG established a construction procurement team who prepared a Strategic Procurement Plan that will take Auckland City from a business as usual procurement position to adoption of smarter delivery options.

At an industry briefing in August 2007 Auckland City launched the new Transport structure and the timing of the transition to smarter procurement. Auckland City announced it was setting itself a challenge to be regarded by the industry as a "client of choice". The briefing included the establishment of supplier panels for higher volume low value minor works as well as details of the proposed \$45 million/annum maintenance alliance for the Western third of the city. Both the industry and Land Transport NZ are in full support of Auckland City's initiative.

Auckland City will provide conference delegates with information that will be of assistance to them to transition from traditional delivery to innovative service delivery solutions.

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