



LINKAGES, Fifth Edition

Online Services Vendor Selection

The selection of a web vendor partner to provide the tools and infrastructure for the delivery of online services is now complete following endorsement of the recommendation by the Association's Executive Management Group, and by the Finance & Services Committee.

The Association is pleased to announce the consortium comprising Internet Business Corporation (IBC), IBM and YourASP as the preferred online services delivery vendor. In what was a comprehensive procurement process, calls for *expressions of interest* were followed by *request for quotations*, resulting in the selection of the consortium led by IBC (IBC are currently involved with the 2-Cities project being sponsored by Joondalup and Wanneroo). The Association is now working with IBC to finalise partnering and contractual matters.

The Association and the LCC Team look forward to working with IBC to deliver online services capability to Councils through the LCC Program.

Pilot Reference Group

A Reference Group of Councils is in the process of being established to assist the LCC team in refining and validating the materials for the rollout of the training and online services implementation.

This pilot group will lead into the full implementation of the Program, details of which are in the process of being finalised.

Training Program update

Further to the information provided in the last edition of Linkages, the training details in relation to the implementation of the LCC Program have now been finalised. Correspondence outlining the proposed training plan and schedules will be distributed to Councils by Friday, 12 June 2002.

This information will include details of the training program, proposed training locations and a schedule of dates for training within your region. Following on from this, each Council will receive the final list of training dates and locations (once finalised with host Councils) and a fax back form to allow them to select which training sessions they would like to attend in their region.

Any Council who would like to discuss the next stage of the Program further is invited to contact Kieran McCluskey (92213 2081) or Kylie Bartlett (9213 2016).

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Stage 1

A total of 85 Councils have now signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the WA Local Government Association to participate in the Linking Councils and Communities (LCC) Program. A full list of Councils who have signed the Stage One MOU can be viewed on the *Good News* page of the LCC website at www.linkingcouncils.com.

GIS Questionnaire

Results from the GIS questionnaire distributed in March have been collated and are being used to assist in the development of the GIS subproject. Respondents to the GIS Questionnaire provided an insight to Local Government business requirements for GIS/Mapping services reflecting a broad cross section of Council roles.

A summary of information collected as part of the questionnaire can be found on the GIS page of the LCC website at www.linkingcouncils.com.

GIS Focus Group – 10 May 2002

The GIS Focus Group Workshop was successfully conducted in Perth on 10 May 2002. Outcomes from the workshop were based on earlier contributions from Councils on User Requirements obtained through the GIS Questionnaire.

A cross section of Councils were represented in the focus group, and the informal and open environment of the workshop forum proved to be very conducive for reaching a consensus in Council requirements and functionality for a 'common use' information and planning tool using a GIS/Mapping tool. The outcomes will now form the basis for development of a prototype system for review by the Focus Group.

For more information, please contact the Phil Poole on (08)9268 4582 or email ppoole@skm.com.au



LINKING COUNCILS AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM