



Consultant Brief

Great Southern Regional Trails Master Plan – Priority Trail Plans

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION – **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

(as at 11 June 2019)

Addendum to the RFQ issued 6 June 2019

In response to enquiries received from interested consultants, we have prepared the following addendum contain frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding the request for quote.

Q: Can I quote on just one plan?

A: Yes. Consultants with appropriate expertise and experience may choose to quote on one or more of the seven priority trail plans. If you are quoting on more than one plan, please ensure that your quote specifies a separate amount for each plan. It is probable that you could be successful in your tender for one plan and not another.

Q: How will the consultants be appointed?

A: Contract/s may be awarded to a respondent who best demonstrates the ability to provide quality services at a competitive price. The quoted prices will be assessed together with qualitative and compliance criteria to determine the most advantageous outcome. All quotes will be assessed by the Project Management Executive Group (PMEG). The PMEG may choose to award the tender for different trails plans to different consultants.

Q: Some of the proposed Trail Plans may overlap in location, or in activity use (e.g. dual use trails). How will this be managed?

A: GSCORE's Trail Project Coordinator will liaise with all consultants and ensure that any opportunities for co-location, dual or multi-use trails, etc are identified in each specific trail plan. GSCORE will facilitate these discussions in order to ensure that the final trail experience is positive for trail users and trail managers. This could be achieved through joint meetings or Skype sessions.

Q: Has funding been secured for the development of the Priority Trail Plans?

A: Yes. Funding has been secured from Lotterywest and the project partners. We have also received additional funding through BBRF (announcement pending). The quotes we receive do not form part of a funding application – they will be used to appoint a successful consultant/s.

Q: How does the Regional Master Plan relate to the Albany Trail Hub Strategy?

The Albany Trail Hub Strategy provides a comprehensive plan for the Albany municipal area. It is the foundation stone of the Regional Trails Master Plan. The Regional Trails Master Plan will build on this strategy to identify new trail building opportunities in other parts of the Great Southern. It is important that proposed trails listed in the Albany Trail Hub Strategy (ATHS) are incorporated into relevant Priority Trail Plans. For example, the Great Southern MTB Plan will need to include existing and planned MTB trails contained in the ATHS.

Q: Why have you included a Drive Trail in an 'active leisure' trail plan?

A: The aim of the Drive Trail is to link 'active nodes' across the region. These nodes may include walks (including Heritage walks), cycle trails, and paddle trails. We recognise that as a large region with small populations, driving to trail heads is necessary. We want to make that experience a positive one.

Q: How many trails will be included in each trail plan?

A: There are 128 sanctioned trails of different types throughout the region. Phase 1 of the community consultation process delivered over 250 proposed trail ideas. This has been reduced to 80 through the first round of prioritisation. We anticipate that this will be further reduced to 12-20 trails through Phase 2 of the stakeholder engagement process.

Our focus is on regionally and nationally significant trails/trail networks. We recognise that funding to build and maintain trails is limited, therefore, the aim of this project is to develop a regional plan that is achievable, realistic and cost-effective.

The list of proposed trails that could potentially be included in each Priority Trail Plan are listed below. Bear in mind that these numbers will be reduced in the next phase of prioritisation. These number do not include existing trails.

- Great Southern MTB Trail Plan – 5 potential locations (each would consist of a trail network)
- Great Southern Hiking Trail Plan – 29 trail ideas
- Great Southern Bridle Trail Plan – 9 trail ideas
- Great Southern Trail Bike Trail Plan – 3 trail ideas
- Amazing South Coast Aquatic Trail Plan – 4 trail ideas
- Stirling Range & Hinterland Cycle Trail Plan – 5 trail ideas
- Great Southern Treasures Drive Trail Plan – 10 trail ideas (could be combined)

Q: Are we required to develop a Marketing Plan for each trail and/or the region?

A: No. We would like you to make high-level recommendations about how we can achieve a consistent marketing approach for Great Southern trails products. This could involve, for example, recommendations regarding interpretive themes, signage, or promotional materials. Once the Regional Trails Master Plan is completed, we will secure the services of a marketing consultant to develop a marketing plan.

Q: Are we required to develop detailed maps of each trail/trail network?

A: No. For this stage of the project we would like you to develop maps that are indicative of location, style and trail type. Corridor mapping (and associated flora, fauna and heritage surveys) will not be completed at this stage.

Q: Do you have base maps (GIS) for existing trails?

A: Yes. These are available.

Further Enquiries and Closing date

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Applications close: 21 June 2019.