



Media Statement

Adam Giles
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

New Service Providers for Alice Springs Town Camps

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A public open tender process has led to new service providers awarded contracts for Property and Tenancy Management Contracts in Alice Springs Town Camps.

Tangentyere Constructions is the successful proponent and will provide property management to 270 houses in the Alice Springs town camps owned by Tangentyere Council.

The contract is valued at \$752 289 and for a period of 16 months from 1 February 2016.

Chief Minister, Adam Giles said Tangentyere Constructions is an Aboriginal-owned social enterprise (non-profit) that has delivered a range of housing programs in and around Alice Springs.

“I expect to see repairs and maintenance in Alice Springs town camps improve now that Tangentyere is responsible for the property management,” he said.

“The Department of Housing conducted an open tender process in accordance with the Procurement Directions and Best Practice Guidelines, I am pleased an Aboriginal Organisation was able to win this tender.

“The same process that led to local business Zodiac Business Services winning the Tenancy Management Tender.

“Zodiac Business Services is a locally owned and operated Alice Springs business that is highly experienced in tenancy management in remote Central Australian communities, and has an Indigenous employment rate of over 50%,” Mr Giles said.

Under an agreement between the former Labor Governments in Darwin and Canberra, all services provided to town camps must be subject to an open and competitive tender process.

An open tender process was undertaken in accordance with Procurement Directions and Best Practice Guidelines, and on 31 December 2015 the tender assessment process was finalised with Zodiac Business Services being awarded the contract for the amount of \$702 000.

Mr Giles said it was important that a fair and equitable tender process be conducted to provide value for money to all parties.

“Town Camp service provision is a priority for this government and we are aiming to provide value for money and quality for money,” he said.

“I am confident the Town Camp residents and leaders will place the same scrutiny on Tangentyere Constructions, as they placed on Ingkerreke and will place on Zodiac Business Services.

“These contracts are in addition to the \$300 000 my government funds Tangentyere Council for Tenancy Support Program delivered to Alice Springs Town Camps this financial year,” Mr Giles said.

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