

Tereora College Redevelopment Plan

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“PROJECT DELIVERY UNAFFECTED BY FIRE”

The plan to commence Stage 1 redevelopment before the end of the year will not be hindered by the fire that claimed two classrooms at Tereora College earlier this month. Temporary learning spaces have been provided in the CISNOC and Bluesky Sports Arena, as well as the Nikao community clinic. Semi-permanent options are being considered for replacing the damaged classrooms until the Stage 1 buildings are completed and rooms become available.

A request for Tender (RFT) for Stage 1 construction was issued at the end of June. The deadline for submissions was extended by a week to Thursday 25th August, to allow more time for contractors to submit quality bids. The extension is not expected to affect the overall delivery of the project that remains on track for occupation at the start of the 2018 school year.

A separate RFT for the demolition of buildings within the Stage 1 project site, relocation of the Food Technology Building and related site preparatory work, was issued earlier this month. The Project Steering Group selected the two part tender approach to provide more opportunities for local construction companies. Submissions are due Friday 26th August.

Tender evaluations will proceed immediately following the closing date of both contracts. The successful contractor is expected to be awarded in October.

To support the project and meet timelines, the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade contracted Calibre Consulting as Engineer for both contracts. The New Zealand based firm will provide technical support to the Cook Islands Investment Corporation’s project unit. This project delivery model was implemented as a result of Calibre’s willingness to share their knowledge with CIIC staff and local engineers. Filling in gaps where specialist services are not available in the local private sector has also been beneficial. This model reflects the partnership between New Zealand and the Cook Islands and shared responsibility of successfully delivering the project.

Other preparations for Stage 1 works commenced last month. New underground power, water and data lines were laid to service the new buildings and to keep the College operational throughout the construction period. Renovations to a previous government residence, located adjacent to the College are also underway to convert the property into learning spaces for 2017.

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