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Contract

## **Bean Road Tunnel**

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-049b9d

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Kent County Council

County Hall

Maidstone

ME141XQ

#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ45 - Mid Kent

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Bean Road Tunnel

Reference number

SC250102

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 45000000 - Construction work

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Works

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Kent County Council (KCC) are awarding a contract for the delivery of the Bean Road Tunnel scheme. This contract is being awarded to 1 supplier.

This project is part of a wider programme of works under the Fastrack programme, which has been identified as being critical to the sustainable delivery of Kent Thameside. Fastrack is fundamentally a transport project, and Kent County Council as the local Highway and Transport Authority is responsible for delivery of the Fastrack network.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £18,572,174.54

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This project is part of a wider programme of works under the Fastrack programme, which has been identified as being critical to the sustainable delivery of Kent Thameside. Fastrack is fundamentally a transport project, and Kent County Council as the local Highway and Transport Authority is responsible for delivery of the Fastrack network.

Two haulage tunnels previously constructed through the chalk spine supporting B255 Bean Road to facilitate earthworks movements during the construction of Bluewater Shopping Centre during the mid-1990's, still exist and are suitable to form a new direct connection. As part of the highway infrastructure for Eastern Quarry a residential road network will be constructed that crosses the Fastrack Spine Road and will link to the existing Hedge End roundabout on Bean Road at the Northern edge of Bluewater. This route could be made available for Fastrack by moving from the dedicated Fastrack Spine Road to shared use residential roads. The most obvious connection is a continuation of the dedicated Fastrack Spine Road through a tunnel under B255 Bean Road going directly into the Bluewater road infrastructure and bus interchange.

Fastrack Bean Road Tunnel is broadly a new 75m long tunnel (technically an underpass due to short length) through the chalk spine under the B255 Bean Road between Whitecliffe (former Eastern Quarry) and Bluewater Shopping Centre, serving to directly connect the shopping centre to the new Whitecliffe development and Ebbsfleet International Railway Station. It will form part of the Fastrack bus rapid transit system within Kent Thameside. The tunnel will house a 3.5m wide Bi-directional Fastrack busway linking Whitecliffe and Bluewater, as well as providing a combined footway / cycleway and footway linking the Whitecliffe and Bluewater as part of the Ebbsfleet Garden City green corridor network.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-029734](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

10 December 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Erith Contractors Limited

Erith

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

1102060

The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £18,572,174.54

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom