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Contract

Iron Line, Millom, Cumbria

Copeland Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Iron Line, Millom, Cumbria

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Copeland Borough Council (CBC), led by the Millom Town Deal Board, is delighted to have been awarded a sizeable grant from the

government's Town Deal, to deliver a transformational programme of investment and development for the Millom and Haverigg area. The

purpose of the funding is to drive long term economic and productivity growth, through investment in connectivity, land use, economic

assets (including cultural assets), skills and enterprise infrastructure.

Millom is a peninsular town in South West Cumbria. Together with the adjacent coastal settlement of Haverigg, it is home to 7,300

residents and serves a large rural catchment of some 11,500 residents. Millom's growth was founded on the discovery of iron ore in

Hodbarrow in the mid 19th Century, however since the closure of the mines in 1968, the town has been left without a clear economic

purpose. Today, Millom is struggling to maintain a vibrant and viable town centre offer. It is the intention to use the Town Deal grant to

facilitate economic growth, through a place making initiative celebrating the town's exceptional natural environment, and so, underpin a

thriving and resilient community through sensitive public realm design, heritage, and culture.

Millom has a unique and breathtaking setting, framed by the Lake District fells, the Duddon Estuary and the Irish Sea. It is this natural

setting and the industrial heritage of the iron works at Hodbarrow that are the catalysts for ambitious plans to drive sustainable economic

growth across the area, by creating thriving independent businesses and a distinctive culture, arts and tourism offer, in close proximity to

the UNESCO heritage site that is the Lake District National Park.

The awarded funding is for four interlinked projects, each of which has been selected by the local community, which together form the

Town Investment Plan:

1. The Iron Line

2. Reactivating heritage buildings
3. Activating community health
4. Connecting Millom and Haverigg

This competition addresses one of these projects: the Iron Line.

The Iron Line is conceived as one element in South Copeland's tourism offer, a day out for visitors but somewhere to return to because of

its natural beauty and the quality of its educational and commercial offers. The aim of the Iron Line is to transform the area around the

unique coastal lagoon at Millom into a recreational attraction that fuses ecology, heritage and culture within this fully inclusive natural

green space.

As a point of difference, the project must embellish and support Millom's reputation as a fully accessible place to visit, work and live,

facilitating health and wellbeing within the local population and helping to attract the 'purple pound' with a positive approach to

accessibility for all. The Iron Line will target all ages and provide a multi-sensory experience so everyone can participate and enjoy the

unique setting.

However, perhaps the most important issue for any design team will be the balance between nature and humans – how can the critical need

for economic prosperity and development to support the local population be balanced with the sanctity of the natural setting on this

important piece of England's natural coastline.

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: £500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD11 - West Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Millom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a competition to find the right design team with whom a sensitive yet stimulating intervention can be created within an area of

extraordinary natural beauty, close to the Cumbrian Lake District. It is not a competition to identify a design solution for the project, this

will be created through a collaborative design process with stakeholders, once the team has been appointed. The client will follow a

restricted procedure pursuant to Regulation 28 PCR 2015 to procure its design team. The competition is being run as a 2-stage competition,

generally following public sector procedures:

Stage 1: Expressions of interest using the Standard Questionnaire

Stage 2: Shortlisting and Invitation to Tender

The competition is being managed, on behalf of Copeland Borough Council, by Colander Associates. This means that Colander is the point

of contact for competitors and all communications must be channelled through Colander, via the email address: ironline@colander.co.uk

The client is looking for a design-led team of diverse and complementary consultants that can collectively create and deliver a confident

and forward-looking design for this project: one that reflects the sensitivity of the natural environment while encouraging economic and

community growth.

The winning team will be able to address landscape design; placemaking; planning and contextual considerations; wayfinding;

interventions to historic structures; inclusive design; public safety and security; and interdisciplinary design delivery to cost and

programme, alongside effective political and stakeholder engagement, to help bring the project to fruition.

It is not the intention to specify how teams are structured, nor which professions are included in the team. However, the design team will

require both gravitas and experience, alongside radical thinking and persuasive ideas. that resonate with the locality. Teams are therefore

encouraged to come together with both established and emerging organisations, with complementary skills.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Design Approach / Weighting: 30%

Quality criterion - Name: Design Delivery / Weighting: 30%

Price - Weighting: 30%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

23471-2021

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(MT Ref:224832)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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