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Planning

Application of MMC in Delivery of Schools Construction Programme

Powys County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Powys County Council

County Hall

Llandrindod Wells

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Email

propertydesign@powys.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL24 - Powys

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.powys.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0354

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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**

Application of MMC in Delivery of Schools Construction Programme

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45214000 - Construction work for buildings relating to education and research

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

Powys County Council (the “Council”) is preparing to tender for the design and construction of several new primary and secondary schools within Powys. These will provide new, fit for purpose and energy efficient buildings to improve the school estate as part of Welsh Government’s Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme.

The Council is focussed on improving efficiency in all aspects of its project delivery and intends to engage with suppliers to explore opportunities available via Modern Methods of Construction (MMC).

In the interest of running a fair, efficient and effective procurement process and to help inform the Council’s approach to procurement, the Council is seeking to engage with potential contractors experienced in the delivery of whole-school projects using MMC in advance of commencing the formal procurement process. Further details are set out in II.2.4 below.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45214000 - Construction work for buildings relating to education and research
- 45000000 - Construction work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL24 - Powys

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The council has an ambitious forward workload of new-build school projects within Welsh Government’s Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme, including new primary and secondary schools. The first of these is a new primary school in Brecon, with a GIFA of approximately 2,500m², where a concept design is nearing completion.

The Council is currently considering how to achieve best value in the procurement of this school, and it is anticipated that lessons learnt will be applied across the wider programme. In particular, it wishes to explore opportunities to increase efficiency via the adoption of MMC.

The Council is inviting potential contractors experienced in leading and delivering whole-school MMC projects to contact the Council for a short, individual meeting in advance of the formal procurement process. These meetings are intended to help the Council understand the following with regard to major capital school projects of this nature:

- (a) the market's ability to deliver using MMC and the expected benefits;
- (b) the market's current approach to delivering low energy and carbon in use;
- (c) the market's potential to achieve tangible social value benefits and;
- (d) any other risks or issues that could affect the successful delivery of the Council's projects using MMC that might need to be taken into account when preparing the procurement.

Contractors who wish to engage with the Council prior to publication of a tender are invited to contact the Council at the e-mail address in section I.1 above by no later than 5pm on 21st February 2025.

Subject to capacity constraints, the Council plans to hold individual meetings (each of up to an hour long) with contractors who respond within the above specified timescale (meeting dates and times to be arranged). Such meetings will be held on an individual basis via Microsoft Teams.

Non-participation in this market engagement process does not preclude any potential main contractors from participating in the formal procurement process.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 May 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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