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Tender

Commercial Support Services

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Tender submission deadline extended.

Scope

Reference

MWDA-24-XXXX

Description

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority ("the Authority") is procuring a specialist commercial advisory service to support the ongoing management and assurance of its long-term PFI/PPP Waste Management Contract. The appointed Provider will deliver expert, ad-hoc commercial advice including contract interpretation, payment mechanism assurance, QCiL review, insurance and JICR support, variation assessment, dispute avoidance, expiry planning and other related commercial activities as set out in the Specification.

The services will be delivered primarily by a named senior commercial specialist with demonstrable experience in PFI/PPP contracts and complex public sector commercial arrangements. Work will be commissioned on an ad-hoc basis depending on operational requirements, and no minimum level of activity is guaranteed.

The Contract will be awarded to a single Provider for an initial period of three (3) years, with the option to extend for up to two (2) additional periods of twelve (12) months each. The procurement will be conducted as an open procedure in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023, ensuring full transparency and equal treatment of all interested suppliers.

Total value (estimated)

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 March 2026 to 5 March 2029
- Possible extension to 3 March 2031
- 5 years, 2 days

Description of possible extension:

The Contract may be extended at the sole discretion of the Authority for up to two (2) additional periods of twelve (12) months each, allowing for a maximum total contract duration of five (5) years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Tenderers must have legal capacity to perform the Contract and demonstrate appropriate financial standing through proportionate evidence (e.g., accounts, accountant's statement or equivalent). Tenderers must not be insolvent and must meet all exclusion/suitability criteria under the Procurement Act 2023. Confirmation of required insurance levels is also required.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Tenderers must possess the technical and professional ability necessary for successful performance of the Contract. This includes demonstrable experience of providing

commercial advisory services on complex PFI/PPP or equivalent long-term contractual arrangements. Tenderers must evidence relevant assignments completed within the last three years and must propose a Key Person with a minimum of five years' directly relevant experience. The Authority reserves the right to verify or request additional information as required

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

9 January 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

26 January 2026, 9:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.mytenders.co.uk>

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

9 February 2026

Award criteria

| Name | Description | Type | Weighting |
|-------------|--|-------------|------------------|
| Quality | Quality criteria assessment as described | Quality | 70.00% |
| Cost | Cost Assessment as described | Cost | 30.00% |

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

The Authority has opted not to publish a Preliminary Market Engagement Notice as the scope and requirements of the Contract are well understood, stable, and clearly defined following long-term operational experience with the existing service. The Authority does not require market feedback to shape or refine the specification, and the procurement is not expected to generate significant uncertainty or risk that would benefit from early engagement.

The market for these specialist commercial advisory services is small, mature and well-established, and the Authority has sufficient knowledge of capable providers to proceed directly to publication of the Contract Notice. The decision not to conduct preliminary engagement will not distort competition or disadvantage any potential bidders. All interested suppliers will have equal access to the tender documents and full opportunity to participate through the open procedure

Contracting authority

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