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Tender

Solar Photovoltaic (PV) systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

West Sussex County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/default.aspx>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://atamis-7669.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

Solar Photovoltaic (PV) systems and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45261215 - Solar panel roof-covering work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

This Invitation to Tender (ITT) is issued by WSCC to seek and identify suitably qualified and interested organisations from the private, public and third (voluntary, community and charitable) sector to carry out surveys and to prepare a design and costing of the installation and maintenance of Solar PV and BESS, to install the equipment and to maintain the equipment at Designated Sites identified in Document No. 9 (Asset List). There is also the opportunity to add Pipeline Sites and Wider Estate to the Programme as detailed under 5- Scope of the ITT

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £23,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09330000 - Solar energy

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Solar PV and Battery Storage Programme (“SPVBS Programme”) is set up in three phases: Phase 1 NEC4 Term Services Contract (“NEC4 TSC for Phase 1”) for the survey, design and costing works, Phase 2 NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract (“NEC4 ECC for Phase 2”) for the installation works and Phase 3 NEC4 Term Services Contract (“NEC4 TSC for Phase 3”) for the ongoing maintenance services.

Following approval of the design and costing carried out in Phase 1 in relation to each Designated Site and/or Pipeline Site and/or Wider Estate, WSCC may then proceed to appoint the Contractor to carry out the installation of the equipment at that Site under Phase 2 and maintenance of the Equipment at that Site under Phase 3, in accordance with the relevant Contract Terms and Conditions as set out in Document 03 (Contract Terms and Conditions).

WSCC is under no obligation to award a contract under Phase 2 and/or Phase 3 in respect of any Designated Site and/or Pipeline Site and/or Wider Estate that is subsequently incorporated into the Programme.

The Works, as further described in Document No. 2 (The Specification) are being tendered by WSCC in accordance with WSCC’s Standing Orders on Procurement and Contracts and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015).

This is the only programme in place for delivering retrofit roof-top solar PV and ‘Behind the Meter’ Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) across WSCC’s estate. The contract value (of up to £23m) therefore allows all remaining corporate sites and schools in the Wider Estate, in West Sussex, to be approached to register their interest in being surveyed and if found suitable to be brought into the SPVBS Programme over the Contract Period.

Following a market engagement exercise and technical and structural feasibility surveys

completed by WSCC's multi-disciplinary contractor (MDC), AtkinsRealis (AR), 23 corporate and 56 school sites including Pipeline Sites (see Document No. 09 Asset List) have been identified to date as suitable for having Solar PV and, where suitable, BESS technology installations.

All 56 schools registered their interest in having Solar PV, and where suitable, BESS installed. Of the 56 schools, 38 have formally committed to participating in the Programme (subject to the outcome of the Phase 1 detailed surveys) via a formal Letter of Intent ("LOI"). These are referred to as the "Designated Sites".

WSCC is currently working with the Department for Education (DfE) to gain formal commitment from the 14 academy schools (which form part of the 56 schools) to sign up to the Programme. The academy schools and the 4 other non-WSCC owned schools, require a lease agreement to be signed ("the Lease") and the terms of the Lease agreements shall be agreed with the DfE and academy trusts. Once the approved draft Lease agreement has been shared with the academies, and other non-WSCC owned sites, these schools will also be asked to commit to participating in the Programme via an LOI. The schools and corporate sites not yet committed to the Programme are the "Pipeline Sites". A further 44 potentially suitable sites have already been identified by WSCC or have expressed an interest in participating in the Programme and have been placed on a waiting list. These are a part of the "Wider Estate".

This procurement process will be conducted using the Open procedure and in compliance with the PCR 2015.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £23,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

14 May 2024

End date

13 May 2034

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open 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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

26 March 2024

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

27 March 2024

Local time

10:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

London

London

EC4A 1NL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>