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Planning

Highways Construction Scheme - M5 Junction 23 Dunball & A38 MRN (Somerset)

Somerset Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Highways Construction Scheme - M5 Junction 23 Dunball & A38 MRN (Somerset)

Reference number

DN701183

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

The publication of this PIN starts the market engagement process for Somerset Council's (the Authority's), major highway and capacity improvement works at Dunball Roundabout, near Junction 23 of the M5. The Authority wishes to engage with potential suppliers with an expertise in the successful delivery of similar services and provide an overview of the Authority's proposed approach and procurement process.

The Authority wishes to enter into a NEC3 Engineering and Construction Contract for this work. The objective of the Authority is to deliver the following outcomes:

- Increase capacity of the existing Dunball Roundabout, which will contribute towards the release of both Employment and Residential Developments in the wider Bridgwater area
- Provision of additional facilities for non motorised users along the A38 corridor
- Construction to be undertaken with least possible disruption to travelling public, and adjacent frontages, whilst still being undertaken with the highest priority being given to Health & Safety.

Whilst the Authority is planning on entering into contract for the proposed work at Junction 23, there is also a desire by the Authority to include at a later date, by means of negotiation with the successful contractor, additional highway work in relation to the A38 MRN corridor within Somerset, which may include the following:

- Major highway and capacity improvement works at Edithmead Roundabout near Junction 22 of the M5.
- Junction improvements at Cross.
- An improved crossing at the A38 Strawberry Line crossing on Shute Shelve.

This additional work on the A38 MRN is at the sole discretion of the Authority and is by no means guaranteed. It will also be dependent on agreeing, by negotiation, a mutually acceptable and competitively justifiable price/programme for the additional work.

The Authority is publishing this PIN to inform the market of its intention regarding the above.

A Market Engagement Event will be hosted online by Somerset Council on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 12:00 Suppliers who wish to participate in this information sharing session need to register their interest through the listing posted on the Supplying the South West portal to receive the event link to be hosted through Microsoft Teams.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £11,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Description of intended major highway and capacity improvement works at Dunball Roundabout, near Junction 23 of the M5:

The works are in Bridgwater, Somerset and include but are not limited to :

- Construction of a 'cut through' through the central island of the existing roundabout from south to east

- Widening of all approaches to roundabout
- Signalisation of junction
- New at grade pedestrian / cycle crossing facilities on the southern, western and northern approaches to the junction.
- New at grade pedestrian / cycle crossing on the A38 to the north near the junction with Downend Rd
- Provision of enhanced pedestrian / cycle facilities
- Extensive new surface water drainage
- Provision of lighting & Signage &
- Extensive utility service protection works together with limited diversionary works

Description of possible future work, at the sole discretion of the Authority, for additional highway works along the A38 MRN corridor in Somerset:

The works at Edithmead (M5 J22), Somerset involve works on both the Local Authority Highway Network and National Highways Network and include but are not limited to:

- Construction of a 'cut through' through the central island of the existing roundabout from East to north
- Widening of all approaches to roundabout
- Signalisation of junction
- New at grade pedestrian / cycle crossing facilities on the western approaches to the junction.
- Provision of enhanced pedestrian / cycle facilities
- Extensive new surface water drainage, including a Surface Water Retention pond
- Construction of a number of small retaining walls (Contractor Design)
- Provision of lighting & Signage
- Extensive utility service protection works together with limited diversionary works

The works at Cross, Somerset include but are not limited to:

- Construction of a new section of 'Link Road' to create a 'Staggered cross Road'
- Potentially new at grade pedestrian / cycle crossing facilities across the A38
- Provision of enhanced pedestrian / cycle facilities
- Extensive new surface water drainage, including a Surface Water Retention pond
- Provision of lighting & Signage &
- Extensive utility service protection works together with limited diversionary works

The works at the A38 Strawberry Line Crossing, Somerset include but are not limited to:

- Upgrading of an existing uncontrolled crossing to a signal controlled Toucan Crossing &
- Provision of lighting & Signage

The Authority is publishing this PIN to inform the market of its future intentions regarding the above.

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The Market Engagement Event is intended for the Authority's officers to share information with regards to this contract and the future options for additional work on the A38 MRN (Somerset).

The Draft Agenda for the Market Engagement Event will be as follows:

- Introductions
- Scheme Scope and Constraints
- Procurement – Procedure/Timetetable
- Conditions of Contract

- Future Schemes – A38 MRN (Somerset)
- Questions
- Closing Information

Attendance or non-attendance will not prejudice any supplier's participation in any subsequent procurement exercises. The slides, information presented, and any questions & responses provided will be made available following the event.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

11 March 2024

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