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HCC - 03/23 - The Provision of Transport Implementation and Planning Services Framework (2023)

Hertfordshire County Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-006453

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0397ef

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire.aspx/Home>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire.aspx/Home>

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

HCC - 03/23 - The Provision of Transport Implementation and Planning Services Framework (2023)

Reference number

HCC2314558

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60100000 - Road transport services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Further information in regards to this opportunity can be found in II.2.4 and VI.3 below. Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to 'express interest' which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. Please see VI.3 below for further information. To be considered as a Bidder you must complete and submit a Bid by the deadline of 12:00 Noon on 26th April 2023. Any questions relating to this procurement must be made via the correspondence area in the e-Tendering system, in accordance with the procurement documents and can be addressed to the main contact as shown in the details above. Please allow sufficient time to make your return as late returns will not be permitted by the system. The estimated total value of the Framework Agreement for all Lots is stated in II.1.5 of this notice and is for initial term inclusive of the approximate value for extension.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £12,180,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Spatial Planning – Transport Strategy, and Early-Stage Scheme Development

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Spatial Planning and Policy services cut across several departments, including the Spatial Planning and Policy Unit, the Waste Operations and Contract Unit, Growth & Infrastructure, and the Highways service. The services outlined in this lot have traditionally been commissioned by in-house staff and delivered through the Council's existing Transport Planning framework. With significant growth planned for Hertfordshire, the chosen supplier will play an active role in ensuring this growth is good growth, providing the expertise, evidence and strategic vision to support economically, socially and environmentally sustainable development. Please refer to Schedule 1 of the Framework Agreement - Specification for full details of the Service by logging in to

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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: £1,200,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Council will review its options towards the end of the Framework Agreement period

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for one (1) further year

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union

funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Spatial Planning – Active Travel Early-Stage Scheme Development

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hertfordshire's Local Transport Plan priorities the needs of vulnerable road users including those walking and cycling above the private car in its user hierarchy. Department for Transport policy and current funding opportunities also promote and incentivise these modes. We therefore require support to help us develop clear geographically focused strategies, identify priorities along with funding opportunities to help ensure that Hertfordshire is well placed to deliver in line with national and local ambition. The chosen suppliers will play a leading role in helping us identify and develop schemes in line with current standards (such as LTN1/20 and our Place and Movement Planning Design Guide) and help us embed principles of the Healthy Streets approach to ensure that new cycling and walking infrastructure is designed to a high standard and is carefully promoted to local communities and key stakeholders through engagement and consultation activities so that the schemes can move forward to successful implementation. Please refer to Schedule 1 of the Framework Agreement - Specification for full details of the Service by logging in to <https://intendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire/asp/Home> This procurement is an Open (one stage process). Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to 'express interest' which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. To be considered as a Bidder you must complete and submit a Bid by the deadline of 12:00 Noon on 26th April 2023. Please allow sufficient time to make your return, as Tender submissions cannot be uploaded and submitted after this return deadline. Any questions

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for one (1) further year

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Modelling Services

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council's Core Modelling work takes place primarily via the Highways' Transport Planning function. This team acts as a custodian for the countywide model (COMET) which is the current transport model for informing current and future transport patterns and demand across Hertfordshire. Please refer to Schedule 1 of the Framework Agreement - Specification for full details of the Service by logging in to

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,280,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for one (1) further year

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Development Management - Planning

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90712100 - Urban environmental development planning

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council operates a Development Management Pre-Planning service, wherein it appraises development plans and planning applications for their impact on the transport network, a service that the chosen supplier will support for the duration of the framework. The existing service is delivered via the Council's Client Support Term contract under Council supervision with supplementary support via a framework contract. The purpose of this lot is to seek continued supplementary support in a similar manner. As such, the chosen suppliers will find themselves working with Client and term Consultant officers side-by-side. Please refer to Schedule 1 of the Framework Agreement - Specification for full details of the Service by logging in to <https://intendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire.aspx/Home>. This procurement is an Open (one stage process). Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to 'express interest' which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. To be considered as a Bidder you must complete and submit a Bid by the deadline of 12:00 Noon on 26th April 2023. Please allow sufficient time to make your return, as Tender submissions cannot be uploaded and submitted after this return deadline. Any questions relating to this procurement must be made via correspondence on the website, in accordance with the procurement documents and can be addressed to the main contact as

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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: £1,600,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Council will review its options towards the end of the Framework Agreement period

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for one (1) further year

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Development Management – Implementation & Site Supervision

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311220 - Highways engineering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council operates a Development Management Implementation service, which provides professional and technical advice to developers, checks aspects of their proposals for

highway works, and checks specifications for works on adopted highways or roads offered for adoption. The existing service is delivered via the Council's Client Support Term contract under Council supervision with supplementary support via a framework contract. The purpose of this lot is to seek continued supplementary support in a similar manner. As such, the chosen suppliers will find themselves working alongside Client and Term Consultant officers. Please refer to Schedule 1 of the Framework Agreement - Specification for full details of the Service by logging in to

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II.2.6) Estimated value

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Council will review its options towards the end of the Framework Agreement period

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for one (1) further year

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Environmental Support

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90700000 - Environmental services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council both undertakes and screens a variety of Environmental Assessments, both for projects it is undertaking itself and in its role as a Planning Authority. Accompanying this is a

renewed focus on air quality in Hertfordshire, as outlined in the county's recently adopted Air Quality Strategy. These priorities are cross-departmental, with the chosen supplier likely to find themselves working with the Spatial Planning & Economy Unit, Highways Department, Passenger Transport Unit and Public Health, amongst others. With a renewed legislative focus on environmental protections from Central Government and significant volumes of development requiring Environmental Assessments, the importance of the work outlined in this Lot will only grow during the lifetime of the framework. Please refer to Schedule 1 of the Framework Agreement - Specification for full details of the Service by logging in to <https://intendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire/asp/Home> This procurement is an Open (one stage process). Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to 'express interest' which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. To be considered as a Bidder you must complete and submit a Bid by the deadline of 12:00 Noon on 26th April 2023. Please allow sufficient time to make your return, as Tender submissions cannot be uploaded and submitted after this return deadline. Any questions relating to this procurement must be made via correspondence on the website, in accordance with the procurement documents and can be addressed to the main contact as shown in the details above. Tenderers should be aware that due to the nature of the Services provided, any Contract formed as a result of this procurement process shall be executed as a deed. Tenderers should seek independent legal advice on the implications of this prior to submitting their Tender, where appropriate. Please note that the contract requirements will be subject to available financial resources, supplier performance and flexibility to meet changing demands. Please note the value referred to in II.2.6 below is the total value inclusive of any extension

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £100,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for one (1) further year

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Delivery – Major Transport Schemes

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council is approaching the completion of a large scale capital programme of Major projects with the delivery of over £100m of projects including the including the A120 Little Hadham Bypass and flood alleviation project , the A602 Improvement Works, and New River Bridge Improvements in Hoddesdon. As the schemes are completed on site the next phase of monitoring and evaluation begins and the work to identify and develop the next generation of large scale projects commences. A number of high-profile projects are currently in the early stages of development following identification in the county councils transport Strategy's (e.g. A414 Strategy, Growth and Transport Plans) and Local Transport Plan Delivery Plan. These include:- Projects looking to the DfTs Major Road Network programme. - The Hertfordshire Essex Rapid Transit (HERT) and associated works packages under the umbrella of the strategic project including the Watford 2 Croxley Link. - Other significant projects that are being developed to support sustainable development ensuring that Hertfordshire is in a strong position to make the most of funding opportunities as they arise. These opportunities may arise from Government initiatives, planning processes and wider investment opportunities as they emerge. In this context, the Council is looking for supplementary support to its existing Major Projects service, delivered jointly by the Council and its CST provider, currently WSP / ARUP. As such, the chosen supplier will play a key role in ensuring the infrastructure identified and delivered by the Council delivers on the ambition to be cleaner, greener, and healthier. Please refer to Schedule 1 of the Framework Agreement - Specification for full details of the Service by logging in to <https://intendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire/asp/Home> This procurement is an Open (one stage process). Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to 'express interest' which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. To be considered as a Bidder you must complete and submit a Bid by the deadline of 12:00 Noon on 26th April 2023. Please allow sufficient time to make your return, as Tender submissions cannot be uploaded and submitted after this return deadline. Any questions relating to this procurement must be made via correspondence on the website, in accordance with the procurement documents and can be addressed to the main contact as shown in the details above. Tenderers should be aware that due to the nature of the Services provided, any Contract formed as a result of this procurement process shall be executed as a deed. Tenderers should seek independent legal advice on the implications of this prior to submitting their Tender, where appropriate. Please note that the contract requirements will be subject to available financial resources, supplier performance and flexibility to meet changing demands. Please note the value referred to in II.2.6 below is the total value inclusive of any extension

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II.2.6) Estimated value

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Duration in months

36

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Yes

Description of renewals

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for one (1) further year

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Delivery – Active Travel Design

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311210 - Highways consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hertfordshire's Local Transport Plan priorities the needs of vulnerable road users including those walking and cycling above motorised vehicles in its user hierarchy. Department for Transport policy and funding also currently promotes these modes. We therefore require support to help us design high quality walking and cycling Infrastructure, to help ensure that Hertfordshire is well placed to deliver schemes that meet the needs of communities. The chosen suppliers will play a leading role in helping the Council design schemes in line with current standards (such as LTN1/20 and the Council's Place & Movement Planning and Design Guide) and help us embed principles of the Healthy Streets approach to ensure that new cycling and walking infrastructure is designed to a high standard and is carefully promoted to local communities and key stakeholders through engagement and consultation activities so that the schemes can move forward to successful implementation and operation. Please refer to Schedule 1 of the Framework Agreement - Specification for full details of the Service by logging in to

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for one (1) further year

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Delivery – Waste Management Design and Development

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90500000 - Refuse and waste related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The chosen supplier will play a key role in ensuring the infrastructure delivered by the Council, whether it supports Transport or Waste Management, continues to support responsible and sustainable growth in Hertfordshire. The Council has identified a number of infrastructure improvements required to manage waste efficiently and effectively through the Local Authority Collected Waste Spatial Strategy. Where improvements are required to existing infrastructure, the Council requires support to deliver the improvements including but not limited to identification of solutions and initial feasibility, designs, costings and delivery of the project. Where improvements are required within a broad area of search support may also include identification of potential sites. Subject to funding, required infrastructure includes the provision or improvement of Waste Transfer Stations and the expansion or development of Recycling Centres. Please refer to Schedule 1 of the Framework Agreement - Specification for full details of the Service by logging in to <https://intendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire/asp/Home> This procurement is an Open (one stage process). Organisations wishing to take part in this project are invited to 'express interest' which will give access to the full procurement documents in the e-tendering system. To be considered as a Bidder you must complete and submit a Bid by the deadline of 12:00 Noon on 26th April 2023. Please allow sufficient time to make your return, as Tender submissions cannot be uploaded and submitted after this return deadline. Any questions relating to this procurement must be made via correspondence on the website, in accordance with the procurement documents and can be addressed to the main contact as shown in the details above. Tenderers should be aware that due to the nature of the Services provided, any Contract formed as a result of this procurement process shall be executed as a deed. Tenderers should seek independent legal advice on the implications of this prior to submitting their Tender, where appropriate. Please note that the contract requirements will be subject to available financial resources, supplier performance and flexibility to meet changing demands. Please note the value referred to in II.2.6 below is the total value inclusive of any extension

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Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for one (1) further year

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.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 5

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

n/a Framework does NOT exceed 4 years - please note the max number per Lot varies per Lot

and is detailed in the Instructions to Tenderers document

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

Notice number: [2023/S 000-001317](#)

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

Date

26 April 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

26 April 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Place

<https://intendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire.aspx/Home>

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Please Note that the Framework Agreement can be used by those participating bodies listed within this Contract Notice. However the Council reserves the right to allow any future trading arms of the Council to also utilise the Framework Agreement. In addition, there will be no form of exclusivity or volume that is guaranteed under the resultant Framework Agreement and the Council and other participating bodies will be entitled to enter into other Contracts and arrangements with other suppliers for the provision of any, or all, of the requirements which are the same as, or similar to those specified under the established Framework Agreement. The Participating Bodies able to use the Framework Agreement are; Broxbourne Borough Council, Dacorum Borough Council, East Herts District Council, Hertsmere Borough Council, North Hertfordshire District Council, St Albans City and District Council, Stevenage Borough Council, Three Rivers District Council, Watford Borough Council, Welwyn and Hatfield Borough Council, Hertfordshire LEP and England's Economic Heartland. Please note Hertfordshire County Council has worked closely with its districts and partners to create a joint procurement portal called supply Hertfordshire. This portal provides an e-Tendering system which is run by In-Tend. To access this procurement opportunity please visit <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire/asp/Home> and follow the on-screen guidance. In accordance with Regulation 53 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Council's procurement documents are available within the e-Tendering system. This is a one stage procurement process. Therefore, if you wish to be considered as a tenderer you must complete and submit a tender by the specified closing date and time. Tender submissions cannot be uploaded after this return deadline. Any clarifications regarding this opportunity must be raised through Correspondence area in the eTendering system. If you are experiencing problems In-Tend offer a help section which includes a dedicated UK support desk which can be contacted via email: support@in-tend.co.uk or Telephone: +44 1144070065 for any website/technical questions, Monday to Friday, 8:30-17:00. The Council reserves the right at any time to cease the procurement process and not award a Contract or to award only part of the opportunity described in this notice. If the Council takes up this right, then they will not be responsible for or pay the expenses or losses, which may be incurred by any organisation or tenderer as a result. The

Council undertakes to hold confidential any information provided in the proposal submitted, subject to the Council's obligations under the law including the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If the organisation considers that any of the information submitted in the proposal should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity then this should be stated with the reason for considering it sensitive. The Council will then endeavour to consult with the applicant about such sensitive information when considering any request received under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 before replying to such a request. The Council reserves the right to carry out additional financial checks on all organisations bidding for this opportunity at any time during the procurement process. This is to ensure that they continue to meet the Council's requirements and remain financially viable to fulfil the requirements under the Contract. Organisations should be aware that due to the nature of the Services provided, any Contract formed as a result of this procurement process shall be executed as a deed. Organisations should seek independent legal advice on the implications of this prior to submitting their bid, where appropriate. Please note that the Contract requirements will be subject to available financial resources, supplier performance and flexibility to meet changing demand

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC24 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

High Court Royal Courts of Justice

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Contracting Authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day (when using electronic means) standstill period at the point information on the award of the Framework Agreement is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the decision to award a Framework Agreement (FA) before a FA is executed/signed (as appropriate). The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ('Regulations') provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly and within the time limits as defined in the above regulations. Where a FA has not been entered into the court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the contracting authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the FA has been entered into the court has the options to award damages and/or to shorten or order the FA ineffective.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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