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## **HCC 03/22 - Provision of Conceptual Design Services for the Watford to Croxley Link (W2CL)**

Hertfordshire County Council

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Hertfordshire County Council

Pegs Lane

HERTFORD

SG13 8DE

#### **Contact**

Strategic Procurement Group

#### **Email**

[evelyn.poulton@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:evelyn.poulton@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

HCC 03/22 - Provision of Conceptual Design Services for the Watford to Croxley Link (W2CL)

Reference number

HCC2213638

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Hertfordshire County Council (the 'Council') is currently out to procurement for the provision of Conceptual Design Services for the Watford To Croxley Link (W2CL) Through this tender process, the Council is seeking to engage multiple suppliers to concurrently and independently develop creative and feasible conceptual designs for potential mobility solutions for the W2CL. The Council is seeking to select suppliers based on their potential to generate a creative, but deliverable, viable and feasible conceptual design for the W2CL. The Council want to encourage suppliers that can develop a range of mobility solutions. Conceptual designs will need to propose solutions for each aspect of the W2CL, from the type of mobility solution to the way in which the network / route will be operated It is the Council's intention to award the Contract to up to 3 Tenderers who achieve the highest score following evaluation. The deadline for submission of completed Selection Questionnaire (SQ) is 1

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £275,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

## II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services
- 71311000 - Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71311300 - Infrastructure works consultancy services
- 71240000 - Architectural, engineering and planning services
- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works
- 71322500 - Engineering-design services for traffic installations
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

## II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Background Following the cancellation of the Metropolitan Line Extension (MLX) project, and recent work considering alternatives to the MLX, there is a need to now develop a new project for the Watford to Croxley Link (W2CL) between Watford Junction and Croxley because the challenges that the MLX was intended to address remain. The Council are also developing options for a Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) project, called the HERT, and exploring potential for the Abbey Line through the Restoring Your Railway (RYR) fund. These together with new forms of mobility coming forward means that there is a need to develop potential concept designs and mobility solutions. Tender for Concept Design Services Through this tender process, the Council is seeking to engage multiple suppliers to concurrently and independently develop creative and feasible conceptual designs for potential mobility solutions for the W2CL. The Council is seeking to select suppliers based on their potential to generate a creative, but deliverable, viable and feasible conceptual design for the W2CL. The Council want to encourage suppliers that can develop a range of mobility solutions. Conceptual designs will need to propose solutions for each aspect of the W2CL, from the type of mobility solution to the way in which the network / route will be operated. These solutions must achieve the objectives of the W2CL and comply with the W2CL Council Requirements. Suppliers will need to evidence how and why their proposed solutions achieve the W2CL Council Requirements, and demonstrate that collectively the solutions provide a complete, coherent and feasible concept which illustrates to the Council what a range of potential mobility solutions could be, how they can be delivered and how they could be operated. It is the Council's

intention to award the Contract to up to 3 Tenderers who achieve the highest score following evaluation. Full details of this process are described in the Council Requirements 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) Additional information for further information. 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. The estimated total value of the Contract is stated in II.1.5 of this notice Up to 3 tenderers will be awarded a Contract for Stage 1 at a value up to £25,000.00 each. Up to 2 tenderers will then be taken forward to Stage 2 with the potential additional value of up to £100,000.00 each.

#### **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: £275,000

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

Duration in months

12

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

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## **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**

Restricted 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-027865](#)

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

Date

22 April 2022

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

18 May 2022

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

English

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

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 procurement process is a two stage process and you will only be invited to tender if you have been successful and shortlisted from the first stage, i.e. pre-qualification. If you wish to be considered you must complete and submit a completed Selection Questionnaire by the specified closing date and time. Submissions cannot be uploaded after this return deadline. Full guidance is provided in the Selection Questionnaire Explanatory Document. 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](mailto: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 estimated total value of the Contract is stated in II.1.5) of this notice and is for the initial term. Up to 3 tenderers will be awarded a Contract for Stage 1 at a value up to £25,000.00 each. Up to 2 tenderers will then be taken forward to Stage 2 with the potential additional value of up to £100,000.00 each. The Contract Period for this Contract is dependant on the Designer passing through the Stage gate process for an initial period of up to 12 months. There is then an option to extend up to a further 4 years. Therefore, the maximum duration of this Contract could be 5 years. 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.

#### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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Country

United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

High Court

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+44 20794760000

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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 Contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the decision to award a Contract before a contract 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 Contract 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 Contract has been entered into the court has the options to award damages and/or to shorten or order the Contract ineffective.

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

Chief Legal Officer

Hertfordshire County Council County Hall

Hertford

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United Kingdom