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SC23172 - Professional Services Framework

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

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

www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk

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

SC23172 - Professional Services Framework

Reference number

DN712410

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council (the Client) is the largest county council in England covering an area of 3 500 km². It has an annual expenditure of over GBP 900 million on goods and services and a population of 1.3 million. The Council provides a wide range of personal and strategic services on behalf of its residents, operating in partnership with 12 district councils and 305 parish/town councils.

The Professional Services Framework is for the provision of a multi-disciplinary consultancy service relating to highways, engineering, transportation, planning and environment, surveys and investigations and commercial services within the Local Authority boundaries of Kent. Various specialist levels of technical, environmental, and engineering professional services are to be provided. These outputs supply the County Council with engineering expertise and advice to allow the Council to plan and design new highway infrastructure, assess structural assets, comply with their statutory obligations as the Highway Authority, support KCC's strategic objectives.

Further details on the Framework scope can be found in the SQ documentation.

There is no guarantee of work within this Framework and the Client reserves the right to competitively tender any future project it deems appropriate through an alternative mechanism. Call-off contracts will be based on the NEC 4 suite of contracts with the framework covering the County of Kent.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £40,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To achieve Kent County Council strategic objectives, Highways and Transportation (H&T) require access to specialist technical engineering expert advice and services, that specialise in the areas of:

- Highways, Transportation and Engineering
- Planning and Environment
- Surveys and Investigations
- Commercial Services

The effective delivery of all related projects (including major capital projects) is dependent on having a Professional Services Framework in place. The Framework will be used by additional teams across the Council. Further details on the Framework scope and proposed Framework management information can be found in the SQ documents.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

Duration in months

42

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The framework will operate for an initial period of 4 years (48 months) with no guarantee of any works being awarded. The initial term of 48 months may be extended by up to 2 years (24 months), subject to successful delivery of the Key Performance Indicators and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 6

Maximum number: 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Please see the SQ documentation for further details.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Call off contracts awarded through the Framework will be dependent on available budgets and there is no guarantee of work under this framework. The estimated Framework value for the initial 4 year term is £27m, increasing to £40.5m should an optional extension period be taken. Estimated values as indicative, and have been calculated based on historic spend to date.

The framework is being procured by the Authority for its own use. However Kent district Councils are able to access and procure services through this Framework.

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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: 3

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

The framework will operate for an initial period of 4 years (48 months) with no guarantee of any works being awarded. The initial term of 48 months may be extended by up to 2 years (24 months), subject to successful delivery of the Key Performance Indicators and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement. Justification for any duration exceeding 4 years is that the Client recognises the significant investment in resources, supply chains and social value required to operate this framework within the county of Kent.

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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 000-028678](#)

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

Date

4 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

29 April 2024

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

English

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

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom