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Planning

Fleming Way Bus Boulevard - Market Engagement Event

Swindon Borough Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://www.swindon.gov.uk/busboulevard>

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

Fleming Way Bus Boulevard - Market Engagement Event

Reference number

DN537244

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45220000 - Engineering works and construction works

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

Swindon Borough Council ('the Council') has secured funding to deliver a new public transport interchange for Swindon town centre. The redevelopment of Fleming Way is part of the wider town centre regeneration works and aims to create one inclusive bus interchange that will accommodate all bus services in the town centre. This means that all buses which currently operate from two separate sites at Swindon Bus Station and Fleming Way, will all leave from a single site.

The Fleming Way Bus Boulevard project ("the Project") will remove the central pedestrian subway on Fleming Way, lower the entire carriageway and footways (diverting all utilities in the area accordingly), and replace the subway with a large Puffin pedestrian crossing. The removal of the subway will improve the connectivity of the town centre shopping area with the railway station, business district and the new Kimmerfields development to the north of Fleming Way.

The Council will also be improving pedestrian and cycle movement through the provision of a new cycle facility to connect the town's Western and Eastern Flyer cycle routes. Additional signal controlled pedestrian crossings will be provided throughout the scheme, and the Project will significantly enhance the town's green credentials with the planting of a large number of trees and other vegetation. The new planting will not only increase the biodiversity in the town centre, it will also have a function, forming part of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems which will run down the centre of the carriageway.

The experience of bus users will also be improved with the provision of bespoke, low carbon, high spec bus shelters which will be fitted with Real Time Passenger Information. An 'inter urban hub' is to be created at the western end of the Project which will be a base for the Oxford and Salisbury services, together with two dedicated National Express bays, and a taxi rank.

Works are expected to commence in March 2022.

Key elements for consideration by potential contractors for the Project are as follows:

- Liaising and coordinating directly with various Statutory Utility Companies ("SU") on behalf of the Council to deliver the programme of diversions. Note: C4 information will be provided as part of the tender package.
- Low carbon, sustainable methods of construction and company credentials, in line with the ethos of this Project.
- Preparation for the installation of bespoke bus shelters.
- Installation of a new public toilet.

- Planting and initial maintenance period for the new trees and vegetation.
- Town centre location consideration i.e. management of pedestrian traffic around the closed site, and works access.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £16,100,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK14 - Swindon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council is seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced organisations interested in working with the Council to deliver this Project.

A market engagement event will be held at 2pm on Tuesday 20th April 2021 and will be hosted on Microsoft Teams.

This is an opportunity for potential contractors to learn more about the detail of The Project and to ask questions. Any questions that are asked at the event, and subsequent responses, will be captured and shared later. Attendees are encouraged to ask any questions at the event as there will be no opportunity to ask further questions afterwards due to the project timescales.

To register interest in attending the event, please email HPPD@swindon.gov.uk by 5pm on Friday 16th April 2021.

Following the event, the Council invites interested prospective contractors to submit responses to the following questions via email to HPPD@swindon.gov.uk before 12:00 noon on Friday 30th April 2021:

1. Your likely interest in bidding for the Project.
2. Your comments regarding the form of contract to be used (currently NEC4 Option A).

3. Your views as to the coordination of utilities.
4. Your comments regarding a minimum 3 year maintenance period for the trees and planting.
5. Your experience on any other projects during the Covid-19 pandemic regarding any supply chain issues.
6. Any other factors considered relevant or suggestions on how the Project could be structured so as to bring about timely delivery and value for money.

No general marketing material should be provided.

For the avoidance of doubt, no information provided in response to this questionnaire will be used by the Council in assessing providers during any future procurement process.

Any future procurement process may require the use of a contracts notice and bidders will be required to formally apply even if they have participated in this market engagement process.

The Council intends to use the information gathered to shape the proposed procurement process for this Project. Accordingly, commercially confidential information should not be provided, and the Council reserves the right in its absolute discretion to use (or not use) the information provided, or any part thereof to shape any future procurement process undertaken. Information provided may be made public.

Participating in this market engagement exercise will not guarantee success at a later stage in the procurement, and the Council reserves the right not to proceed with the procurement process.

The Council will not absorb any costs incurred by any party in responding to this notice or in attending any Provider information day that may be held.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

7 May 2021

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