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Contract

Framework Agreement for the Provision of Transport Technical Support Services

Sefton Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKD73 - Sefton

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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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

Framework Agreement for the Provision of Transport Technical Support Services

Reference number

DN566885

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Council is seeking to appoint suitable Provider(s) to a Framework for Transport Technical Services Support to deliver high quality and cost-effective provision of strategic transport schemes for Sefton.

It is therefore proposed to procure a service provider to assist in providing technical expertise and capability that is either not currently available or where there is insufficient staff resource within the Council. This is on the understanding that the services can be provided relatively quickly.

The Council also intend to appoint a reserve service provider.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD73 - Sefton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council is seeking to appoint suitable Provider(s) to a Framework for Transport Technical Services Support to deliver high quality and cost-effective provision of strategic transport schemes for Sefton.

The Council has recently submitted bids to the Department for Transport, through the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority for funding support for a range of schemes and projects. These include support for the development of two business cases, a five-year indicative bid from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement, capital support from the DfT Capability Fund and applications to the Levelling Up Fund for a number of projects. This is in addition to projects which are emerging as part of the successful Southport Town Fund bid.

These have enabled a programme of strategic transport schemes for Sefton to be developed and agreed with elected Members. These schemes are at various stages of development, but all will require detailed appraisal, development, design and supervision if they are to be funded and delivered. In addition, Sefton's Local Plan has recently been adopted and there are significant emerging proposals for development of the key town centres of Bootle, Southport and Crosby, all of which will require a review of transport and access issues.

The Council does not have the capability or capacity to undertake all the elements of work involved in developing and delivering this programme of strategic transport investment and technical support and evidence gathering for the town centre development strategies. It is clear that with a significant number of projects all necessitating development within 2021/22 and 2022/23, there is some pressure on staff within the Strategic Transport Planning and Investment team and also the Highways Design and Development teams.

The required information in support of the process of securing funding is varied, depending largely on the specific requirements of each funding source. The process of scheme development and preparation of business cases frequently requires extensive data collection and review and specialised pieces of work utilising specific software packages, particularly in relation to economic costs and benefits. The Council does not have the resources to undertake such assessments and in order to be in a position to bid for City Region funding to invest in the Borough's infrastructure we need to be able to call on these services, often at short notice.

Other services where the Council may need to procure assistance include traffic modelling, economic assessment, transport and access studies, review of planning related transport assessments, junction modelling and engineering design, wider economic impacts and contract supervision.

It is therefore proposed to procure a service provider to assist in providing technical expertise and capability that is either not currently available or where there is insufficient staff resource within the Council. This is on the understanding that the services can be provided relatively quickly.

The Council also intend to appoint a reserve service provider.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 75

Price - Weighting: 25

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Core Period of the Contract 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2023 with 2 x 12 month Extension Options

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 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

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN566885

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

WSP UK Limited

London

WC2A 1AF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Atkins Limited

Epsom

KT18 5BW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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