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Planning

## **Supply and Installation of Plant and Equipment at a Proposed Regional Wood Reprocessing Facility at Silent Valley, Blaenau Gwent.**

Service Manager Commercial & Procurement

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0278](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0278)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

**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**

Supply and Installation of Plant and Equipment at a Proposed Regional Wood Reprocessing Facility at Silent Valley, Blaenau Gwent.

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

- 42914000 - Recycling equipment

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

Supplies

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

1. The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to alert potential suppliers to an opportunity in relation to the Local Authorities' requirements for the turnkey supply and install of the plant and equipment required for the regional wood reprocessing facility at the Silent Valley waste management site near Ebbw Vale in Blaenau Gwent.
2. The wider site is currently used for waste treatment and recycling activities, and has a weighbridge, excellent transport and drainage infrastructure and is already in possession of various waste management consents, which will assist the development and delivery of the planned c.30,000 tpa wood reprocessing facility.
3. The plant and equipment (powered by electricity where possible, to reduce CO2 emissions) will be procured under a turnkey solution and will be installed following completion of the construction works. The estimated value is estimated at c.2m GBP.
4. The overall objectives of the project are to create a modern and sustainable wood reprocessing facility at the designated waste site at Silent Valley. The facility will be equipped with specialist (electric) plant and machinery, designed to produce specification woodchip products primarily targeting the panel board sector.
5. The lead Authority wishes to engage with the supply chain as early as possible and will consult with the market prior to commencement of the procurement.

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 90514000 - Refuse recycling services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL16 - Gwent Valleys

Main site or place of performance

Silent Valley, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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2. The wider site is currently used for waste treatment and recycling activities, and has a weighbridge, excellent transport and drainage infrastructure and is already in possession of various waste management consents, which will assist the development and delivery of the planned c.30,000 tpa wood reprocessing facility.
3. A partnership has been proposed that will comprise a group of local authorities in Wales who will provide waste wood "feedstock" to the facility from their respective civic amenity sites. The host Authority Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council have developed the concept design for the facility and will now procure and obtain the necessary planning and environmental permits.
4. In parallel, the partnership and its advisors plan to procure an 80m x 20m steel-framed processing hall, which is intended to house the array of process plant designed to process ad-hoc wood waste into a specification woodchip suitable for panel-board manufacturing. To produce the woodchip, the scope of this opportunity may typically include a pre-crusher, shredder, picking station, screens, magnets, mobile telehandler, wheeled loader etc.
5. The plant and equipment (powered by electricity where possible, to reduce CO2

emissions) will be procured under a turnkey solution and will be installed following completion of the construction works. The estimated value is estimated at c.2m GBP.

6. A concept design for the facility has been produced by the lead Authority's engineering team, which will inform the construction works and provide an "envelope" template for the process plant.

7. The overall objectives of the project are to create a modern and sustainable wood reprocessing facility at the designated waste site at Silent Valley. The facility will be equipped with specialist (electric) plant and machinery, designed to produce specification woodchip products primarily targeting the panel board sector.

8. The lead Authority wishes to engage with the supply chain as early as possible and will consult with the market prior to commencement of the procurement.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 June 2022

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## **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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

The Council is facilitating this Prior Information Notice / Request for Information via it's E-Procurement Portal, which can be accessed via the following

link:<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

Project Ref: pqq\_33261 - Supply and Installation of Plant and Equipment at the Proposed Regional Wood Processing Facility at Silent Valley, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent.

Potential suppliers will not be prejudiced by any response to this PIN, or failure to respond. This PIN does not formally signify the beginning of a procurement and does not constitute a commitment by the Authority to undertake any procurement exercise. Once the Authority decides to formally commence the procurement, a separate contract notice will be issued.

Potential suppliers should register their interest to ensure they are kept informed of this opportunity, including the Industry Day, where the Authority will present and market test with suppliers the scope of the “Delivering Differently” opportunity.

Draft Timetable

Actual dates are yet to be determined, so at this stage this timetable is for indicative purposes only:

OJEU notice and Suppliers' Questionnaire published - July 2022

Industry Day - July 2022

ITT's issued to pre-qualified bidders - August 2022

ITT's Submitted - November 2022

Contract Award - January 2023

Contract Commencement - January 2023

Completion of Facility Construction - January 2024

Commissioning of Facility - March 2024

Request for Information

Blaenau Gwent CBC acting as the lead Contracting Authority for the Partnership, wishes to seek information and advice from interested parties who may wish to participate in the forthcoming procurement process. The purpose of this Request for Information is to invite interested parties to express and register their interest in this opportunity and assist the Authority in finalising the project's scope of works and the contract. To this extent, the Authority is now seeking responses from the market in relation to the following questions.

1. Would you be interested bidding for this project, or if not, what else would be required for it to meet your organisation's tendering criteria?

2. The Authority is considering using the NEC 4 Supply Contract where certain out-turn financial risks are shared between the client and the contractor. We would be interested to understand your views on this aspect.

3. What would be the typical estimated lead time for you to deliver a turnkey project of this nature and size, spanning from the design and procurement of the solution, through to supply, install and commissioning of the process equipment?

4. What length of time would the contract price be held for from the date of submission of tender?

5. What length of guarantee could you potentially offer on the installed assets? Please expand on your answer where possible.

Expressions of interest and accompanying PIN responses should be submitted via the Authority's e-tendering portal (<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>) by no later than 12:00 noon Monday 25th April 2022.

NB: All future project related dialogue or request for clarifications should be communicated via the portal's messaging functionality.

NB please be advised that the Authority is simultaneously running two further project related PIN's:

- 1) Operation & Maintenance of a proposed Regional Wood Facility at Silent Valley;
- 2) Construction of a proposed Regional Wood Facility at Silent Valley;

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