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Contract

Essella Road Footbridge

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0611ca

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Kent County Council

County Hall

Maidstone

ME141XQ

Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.kent.gov.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

Essella Road Footbridge

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

Essella Road Footbridge, Ashford, Kent, carries a public footpath over a Network Rail (NR) operational railway, it links a large secondary school with residential catchment area the other side of the railway and is very well used. The responsibility for the maintenance of the footbridge sits with KCC, following an agreement made in 1936 between Southern Railway Company and The Urban District Council of Ashford in County of Kent. The responsibility then transferred over to KCC in 1953, after taking over the role of Highway Authority, at that time. Due to the deterioration of structure, it is KCCs duty to ensure sufficient design and works are carried out to improve the current state and ensure that the footbridge is fit for continued public use.

The structure crosses 2 no. tracks on the Ashford to Ramsgate (via Canterbury) line between Ashford and Wye stations. The structure also crosses an additional 4 no. tracks and infrastructure forming part of a rail maintenance depot operated by Hitachi. The bridge deck is a 37.5 m single span steel through truss on masonry abutments. Each abutment comprises two voided sections forming a tower beneath the landing at the deck ends, and the approach stairs used to access the structure.

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: £115,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council require delivery of detailed design work for the Essella Road Footbridge in preparation for construction, including:

- a gap analysis of outstanding data;
- investigations and information required; and
- to provide a budget estimate for each stage.

The Council are recommissioning design work via Lot 2 - Highways and Highways Structures of the Medway County Council's Civil & Structural Engineering Consultancy Services Framework

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is a call-off contract via Medway County Councils Civil & Structural Engineering Consultancy Services Framework under 'Lot 2 - Highways and Highways Structures'.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 January 2026

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Project Centre Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

02625312

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £115,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom