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Contract

## **SC24002 Road Asset Renewal Contract (RARC)**

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0478ee

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

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

Kent County Council

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Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

#### **Email**

[marie.lewzey@kent.gov.uk](mailto:marie.lewzey@kent.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ4 - Kent

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.kent.gov.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**

SC24002 Road Asset Renewal Contract (RARC)

Reference number

DN707530

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

- 45000000 - Construction work

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

Works

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

The Road Asset Renewal Contract (RARC) focuses on asset management and serves as the principal delivery method for planned road pavement renewal and reconstruction works across Kent.

These works are required to effectively manage the Kent County Council's (KCC) pavement assets by replacing deteriorated areas which have reached the end of their useful life. Preservation works are also carried out to prolong the life of areas which are starting to deteriorate.

These works are critical to KCC's effective asset management and maintenance of its road network, allowing KCC to provide long lasting road surfaces and structural repairs,

reducing the growth of the Council's road maintenance backlog and preventing future potholes.

The renewal schemes typically delivered via this contract range from small resurfacing schemes to large reconstruction works which completely replace the failed road structure and foundations.

The scope of work at each site typically involves:

- Cold milling of the top layers of the road structure
- Repaving with an asphalt surface and/or binder course
- Adjustments to covers and replacement of road markings and road studs as needed.

For sites near traffic signals, there may be a need to replace the traffic loops. Anticipated working conditions include road closures and night-time operations, with defined time restrictions in place.

The scope of work under this contract also includes some ad-hoc road reconstruction and other civils works, schemes, and projects.

This contract is not be lotted. The contractor is required to deliver works across all districts in Kent.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £400,000,000 taken into consideration

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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

This contract will ensure delivery of KCC's programmed renewal works. The scope of these works varies between each site but generally entails milling off the top layers of the

road structure and repaving with a new asphalt surface. With deeper, more structural repairs carried out where needed.

All sites typically include adjustments to drain covers and replacement of road markings and road studs where required. Sites approaching traffic signals may require the replacement of the traffic loops. Most sites will require road closures and night-time working with working restrictions in place with defined times.

Alongside these routine works, occasional specialist works will be needed to respond to and repair unpredictable asset failures, such as road collapses. It may also include small to medium sized civils works, schemes, and projects.

The programme consists of multiple sites. There are several phases of work throughout the contract period, with routine work carried out typically between January and November each year.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Award Criteria: Lowest price that meets or exceeds the defined minimum quality threshold. Full details of the award criteria are stated within the tender documents. / Weighting: 0

Price

#### **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

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### **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: [2024/S 000-020013](#)

#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

SC24002 Road Asset Renewal Contract (RARC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

20 December 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

GW Highways Limited

Kent

ME14 1JP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £400,000,000 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Work will be called off from a Schedule of Rates (SORs) as required. Work is not guaranteed within the contract, which is why the awarded figure has been published with a lowest value of £1. However, the expected annual value for this contract is in the region of £20-25 million. The expected total contract value for this contract equates to £200-250million. This is broken down as follows:

- Initial Term (5 years, or 60 months) totalling £100-125 million.
- Optional Extension Term (up to 5 years, or 60 months) totalling £100-125 million.

To allow for any future increases in government or KCC funding, future inflation, and any other unexpected but in-scope spend, the total maximum awarded contract value is advertised as £400million (£400,000,000.00).

The anticipated contract periods are as follows:

- Initial term: 01 April 2025 - 31 March 2030.
- Optional extension: 01 April 2030 - 31 March 2035.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Kent

Country

United Kingdom