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WLC Winchburgh Bus Kick Start

West Lothian Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00140

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.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

WLC Winchburgh Bus Kick Start

Reference number

CC12766

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60172000 - Hire of buses and coaches with driver

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Due to the expansion of Winchburgh, a service connecting it with Livingston is seen as an important route. It is anticipated that in time this route would prove to be commercially viable, but initial funding will help operators to trial this opportunity whilst business grows.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £225,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM78 - West Lothian

Main site or place of performance

Roads between Winchburgh and Livingston in West Lothian

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Assessment of Potential Growth / Weighting: 7

Quality criterion - Name: Service Data / Weighting: 2.5

Quality criterion - Name: Brief of Service Data / Weighting: 14

Quality criterion - Name: Service Frequency / Weighting: 9

Quality criterion - Name: Assessment of Change in Accessibility / Weighting: 2

Quality criterion - Name: Assessment of potential impacts on other modes. / Weighting: 2

Quality criterion - Name: Assessment of the potential to reduce congestion / Weighting: 2.5

Quality criterion - Name: Demonstrate and detail supporting programmes / Weighting: 7

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Complaints Policy / Weighting: 2

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

If funding allows the contract may be extended for up to 12 months

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Re: SPD Q3D.1, 3D.2 and 3D.3 Bidders should answer these questions on Environmental, social and labour law in relation to compliance with the regulations covering Scotland and the UK.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Valid PSV licence required

Where required, contracts that fall within the specific risk sectors as defined by Police Scotland, or, where there is a suspicion that risk may be present, WLC will provide Police Scotland information on the representatives of the bidder (SPD Part 2B) to allow Police Scotland to review and provide feedback on information provided.

Please note: when completing SPD section 1.11 Part 2B, this should be completed using personal information as follows: your full name including any middle names as it appears on your birth and/or marriage certificate; the day date and month you were born and the location of your birth; and your home address and postcode. Failure to provide the correct information may result in your bid being excluded from the tender process or an offer of contract being withdrawn should the information prove to be incomplete or incorrect at a later stage.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Re SPD question 4B.6 West Lothian Council will use Dun and Bradstreet's DBAi financial reporting system to assess the financial stability of tenderers. Tenderers with a Failure Score of 50 or above on the DBAi system will be deemed to have evidenced satisfactory financial stability. Please note that 49 or less will not be considered as having met this criteria. If a tenderer has a Failure Score of less than 50, the tenderer may be required to submit their last three years accounts.

In the event that the tenderer is not required to publish accounts and therefore does not have a Dun & Bradstreet or equivalent rating, tenderers should be able to provide financial accounts when requested. The council will then conduct an analysis of the accounts to ensure that there is no significant financial risk. Please note that if you intend on attaching 2 years accounts, these must include financial data over a 3-year period.

It is recommended that candidates review their own Dun & Bradstreet Score in advance of submitting their tender. If following this review tenderers consider that the Dun & Bradstreet Score does not reflect their current financial status, details of this should be provided, complete with evidence of a good high street credit rating (the equivalent of Dun

& Bradstreet score 50) from a recognised credit referencing agency. The council will review any such information as part of the evaluation of Tenderer's financial status.

In the event that a firm does not meet the financial criteria for consideration but has a parent company that does, the firm may still be eligible for consideration where their Tender Submission is supported by a Parent Company Guarantee.

Should after review of the financial evaluation the tenderer fail, then the tender submission may be rejected.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Insurances

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability: 10 million GBP

Public Liability: 5 million GBP

Valid Motor Vehicle Insurance

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

Valid PSV licence

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

1 May 2023

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

1 May 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Electronically via PCS-Tender

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

WLC CPU staff on PCS-Tender

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Re: SPD Q3D.1, 3D.2 and 3D.3 Bidders should answer these questions on Environmental, social and labour law in relation to compliance with the regulations covering Scotland and the UK.

CONFIDENTIALITY - All information supplied by the Authority must be treated in confidence and not disclosed to third parties except insofar as this is necessary to obtain sureties or quotations for the purpose of submitting the tender. All information supplied by you to the

Authority will similarly be treated in confidence except:

(i) for any information required to be disclosed or otherwise provided by the Authority to any person in order to comply with the Freedom of

Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and any codes of practice applicable from time to time relating to access to public authorities' information.

The Tenderer shall co-operate, facilitate, support and assist the Authority in the provision of this information. In the event the Authority is required to provide information to any person as a result of a request made to it under such Act and/or codes, the Authority shall adhere to the requirements of such Act and/or codes in disclosing information relating to this Agreement, the Project documents and the Contractor.

(ii) that references may be sought from banks, existing or past clients, or other referees submitted by the tenderers;

(iii) for the disclosure of such information with regard to the outcome of the procurement

process as may be required to be published in the

Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union in accordance with EU directives or elsewhere in accordance with the requirements of UK government policy on the disclosure of information relating to government contracts.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 23834. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

West Lothian Council is committed to maximising Community Benefits from its procurement activities. Under this procurement, the contractor, and its supply chain, will be required to support the authority's economic, social and environmental objectives relating to participation in skills development, training and employment initiatives and other value-added contributions. Accordingly, contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social, economic and environmental considerations.

While the Community Benefits Information will in no way be scored/evaluated/taken into account beyond the requirement that it is included in the bidder's Tender Submission, if the Community Benefits Information contains any Community Benefits, these will be accepted by the Authority via the contract variation process and will be enforceable as part of the contract. Accordingly, where a contract is awarded to a bidder whose Tender Submission included Community Benefits, the bidder will be required to deliver those Community Benefits as part of the contract.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Livingston Sheriff Court

West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road

Livingston

EH54 6FF

Country

United Kingdom