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Rail Package 2 Camp Hill Line New Stations

West Midlands Combined Authority

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Main 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

Rail Package 2 Camp Hill Line New Stations

Reference number

03313-2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45213321 - Railway station construction work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

The Project will consist of the design and construction of (3) three new stations at Moseley, Kings Heath and Hazelwell and supporting rail infrastructure works, on the Camp Hill Line between Birmingham New Street and Kings Norton to support access for new train services that increase connectivity in the Greater Birmingham area."

* The above is a description of the original procurement *

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: £34,012,100.56

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Project Overview:

We are seeking to appoint a Principal Contractor on a design and build basis under a NEC 4 ECC Target Cost Contract to construct 3 new stations at Moseley, Kings Heath and Hazelwell including supporting rail infrastructure works.

The timeline for completion is 31/03/2024, although an earlier completion date is desired.

Further to holding an extensive market briefing and engagement event, we have listened to market concerns and have refined the approach and content of the procurement and requirements in a number of areas to address potential issues where possible.

WMCA propose to incorporate Clause X1 into the building contract to alleviate Contractors risk on material price fluctuations. This will cover primary materials such as timber, concrete and steel and the codes from BCIS will be provided at ITT.

Further Information:

The new stations are on the route between Birmingham New Street and Kings Norton to support access for new train services that increase connectivity in the Greater Birmingham area. To meet this objective the project shall deliver:

Moseley

- Two 6-car platforms (operational length 150m)
- Pedestrian access to the station comprising 2no. raised walkways, stairs and lifts
- Geotechnical works including piling and soil nailing
- Platform waiting canopies, lighting, CCTV, Ticket Vending Machines, Passenger Help Points, PA, CIS Incoming DNO, LV Power Supply/Distribution System.
- Permanent Way slew through platforms and associated lineside drainage
- Passenger drop-off area with connecting highway access from the adjacent B4217 St Mary's Row.
- Upgrading current highway network to signalized junction to support the above drop off point.

Kings Heath

- Two 6-car platforms (operational length 150m);
- Pedestrian access to the station including a footbridge, lifts and stairs
- Platform waiting canopies, lighting, CCTV, Ticket Vending Machines, Passenger Help Points, PA, CIS, Incoming DNO, LV Power Supply/Distribution System.
- Permanent Way slew through platforms and associated lineside drainage
- A435 High Street highway upgrade

Hazelwell

- Two 6-car platforms (operational length 150m);
- Pedestrian access to the station inc. stairs and lifts
- Platform waiting canopies, lighting, CCTV, Ticket Vending Machines, Passenger Help Points, PA, CIS, Incoming DNO, LV Power Supply/Distribution System.
- Permanent Way slew through platforms and associated lineside drainage
- Passenger drop-off area with connecting highway access from the adjacent Cartland Road.

Tenderers are directed to the Project Summary, Scope and the design information for a detailed description of the proposed stations.

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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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons
- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

A contract award notice was published in relation to the Package Two on 22 June 2022 (under FTS reference 2022/S 000-016720), and described the contract as follows:

"We are seeking to appoint a Principal Contractor on a design and build basis under a NEC 4 ECC Target Cost Contract to construct 3 new stations at Moseley, Kings Heath and Hazelwell including supporting rail infrastructure works.

The Project will consist of the design and construction of (3) three new stations at Moseley, Kings Heath and Hazelwell and supporting rail infrastructure works, on the Camp Hill Line between Birmingham New Street and Kings Norton to support access for new train services that increase connectivity in the Greater Birmingham area."

It has become necessary to modify the contract and increase the Target Price due to unforeseen circumstances. The amendments do not alter the overall nature of the contract that was originally procured, however, it would not be possible to compete this work on the open market due to timescales and work carried out to date by the awarded provider. To ensure service continuity the WMCA has taken the decision to award the contract to their current provider under Regulation 32(2)b (ii) of the Procurement Regulations 2015, based on the grounds that competition is absent for technical reasons.

The West Midlands Combined Authority will now enter a 30 day standstill period before formally awarding the contract.

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/concession

Title

Rail Package 2 Camp Hill Line New Stations

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 April 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Volkerfitzpatrick Ltd

Hoddesdon

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £27,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The description provided in section II 2.4 of this notice covers the original competitive procurement that was awarded in June 2022. The additional works to which this VEAT notice provides for have come about as a result of unforeseen circumstances that the WMCA could not possibly have known about, and therefore were not factored into the original contract value.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

WMCA

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom