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## **Coastal, Flood and Infrastructure Professional Services Framework Agreement: Southern Coastal Group and SCOPAC (covering England)**

PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

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

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

PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

City Council

Portsmouth

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Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/portsmouthcc.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/portsmouthcc.aspx/Home>

**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**

Coastal, Flood and Infrastructure Professional Services Framework Agreement: Southern Coastal Group and SCOPAC (covering England)

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

- 71300000 - Engineering services

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

Services

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

Portsmouth City Council ('the council') on behalf of the Southern Coastal Group (SCG) and SCOPAC (the Regional Coastal Group for central southern England), is inviting requests to participate, from suitably qualified consultants for inclusion onto a multi-supplier Coastal, Flood & Infrastructure Professional Services Framework Agreement.

The framework is due to be awarded on 29th October 2021 and will run for a period of four years until 28th October 2025. The established framework will consist of six suppliers split over two tiers. Tier 1 will consist of 3-4 suppliers. Tier 2 will consist of 2-3 suppliers and will act as a contingency resource.

All suppliers must have the ability to provide comprehensive multi-disciplinary services within the role of lead consultant. A non-exhaustive list of the essential and wider optional services that may be sourced via the framework agreement is stated within Section II.2.4.

The framework will be available to all current and future SCG and SCOPAC members who are classified as Contracting Authorities. The current list of members is provided within Section II.2.3. All current member organisations support the establishment of the framework agreement and have expressed interest in using the agreement once operational.

In addition, the framework will also be accessible to all contracting authorities situated within England. To date, no commitment to use the framework has been made by any contracting authorities outside of the SCG and SCOPAC region and the council cannot provide any guarantee of take-up.

The value of the framework is estimated to be in the region of £5M over 4 years based upon the forecast requirements of SCG and SCOPAC members. In the event of further schemes or take up by other Contracting Authorities across England, the total value of the framework could increase to up to £50M, however a figure £15M is more likely. The values attributed to additional schemes and additional take up is a top level estimate only and should not be taken as any form of guarantee.

The average value of commissions called off via the framework by SCG and SCOPAC is likely to range from £150K to £500K. However, there is also likely to be frequent commissions below £50K and on occasion in excess of £1million.

Once established, contracting authorities will have a variety of call-off mechanisms and contracting options available for use which include for both mini-competition and direct award options as summarised within Section II.2.4.

Call-off contracts will be let using either the NEC4 PSC or TSC in either the long or short form and with the choice of all options as proportionate and relevant to the services which are being commissioned.

The framework will be established using the Restricted Procedure as set out within the Public Contracts Regulations (2015). The council anticipates shortlisting a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 8 suppliers from assessment of returned Supplier Selection Questionnaire submissions who will then be invited to tender.

The procurement procedure will be run in accordance with the following summary programme:

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- Award decision notification - Monday 18th October 2021

- Award - 29th October 2021
- Framework commencement - November 2021

Application is via submission of completed Supplier Selection Questionnaire and associated documentation via the Council's e-sourcing system InTend which is accessible via: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/portsmouthcc.aspx/home>. The system will be used to administrate the procurement process.

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

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 71220000 - Architectural design services
- 71240000 - Architectural, engineering and planning services
- 71250000 - Architectural, engineering and surveying services
- 71311000 - Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71312000 - Structural engineering consultancy services
- 71313000 - Environmental engineering consultancy services
- 71315000 - Building services
- 71317000 - Hazard protection and control consultancy services
- 71318000 - Advisory and consultative engineering services
- 71319000 - Expert witness services
- 71321000 - Engineering design services for mechanical and electrical installations for buildings
- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works
- 71324000 - Quantity surveying services
- 71325000 - Foundation-design services

- 71327000 - Load-bearing structure design services
- 71328000 - Verification of load-bearing structure design services
- 71330000 - Miscellaneous engineering services
- 71340000 - Integrated engineering services
- 71350000 - Engineering-related scientific and technical services
- 71400000 - Urban planning and landscape architectural services
- 71510000 - Site-investigation services
- 71520000 - Construction supervision services
- 71530000 - Construction consultancy services
- 71540000 - Construction management services
- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 71700000 - Monitoring and control services
- 71800000 - Consulting services for water-supply and waste consultancy
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 73110000 - Research services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London

- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

The framework will be available to all contracting authorities within the Southern Coastal Group (SCG) and within SCOPAC. This includes any future iterations of these groups which may include for changes in existing member status and/or addition of new members over the term of the framework agreement.

Details of members can be accessed at the following link: <https://southerncoastalgroup-scopac.org.uk/about/membership/>

Please note that any economic operators who are members of SCOPAC will not be able to access this framework agreement.

Current members support the establishment of the framework and have expressed interest in using the framework once it is operational.

The framework will also be accessible to all contracting authorities situated within England. To date, no commitment to use the framework has been made by any contracting authorities outside of the SCG and SCOPAC region and no guarantee is provided in respect of take up.

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

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The framework is due to be awarded on 29th October 2021 and will run for a period of four years until 28th October 2025. The established framework will consist of six suppliers split over two tiers. Tier 1 will consist of 3-4 suppliers. Tier 2 will consist of 2-3 suppliers and will act as a contingency resource.

Supplier rankings and tiering may be altered up or down by performance scores achieved for framework projects or via the use of an in-term non-standard re-tiering / re-ranking mini-competition call off procedure.

Tier 1 suppliers who routinely do not bid for projects and/or who routinely submit uncompetitive bids may be demoted to Tier 2, following a framework performance review with the supplier.

All suppliers must have the ability to provide comprehensive multi-disciplinary services within the role of lead consultant. A non-exhaustive list of the essential core and optional non-core services that may be sourced via the framework agreement is stated below:

Suppliers must be able to provide appraisal, technical engineering, design, project management, consultancy, support and staff secondment in relation to the following 'Essential' and 'Wider Essential' disciplines:

#### ESSENTIAL COMPETENCIES

- Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management
- Flood Risk Management and Modelling
- Coastal Engineering
- Coastal Processes
- Fluvial and Pluvial Flooding
- Surface Water Management

#### WIDER ESSENTIAL COMPETENCIES

- Drainage Engineering
- Groundwater Flooding
- Highway Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Landscape Architecture and Design
- Port, Harbour and Maritime Engineering and Infrastructure
- Civil and Infrastructure Engineering

Suppliers may also be requested to provide services in relation to the following, but not limited to, optional non-core competency disciplines. Whilst an evidenced ability to undertake the services listed below either directly or via sub-contractor arrangements may result in additional scores being allocated to supplier applications at assessment an

inability to provide will not result in the application being rejected and set aside.

## NON-CORE COMPETENCIES

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Quantity Survey / Cost Consultancy
- Ground and Site Investigations
- Health and Safety Consultancy
- Economic Appraisal, Business Case Preparation and Funding Application
- Contaminated Land Consultancy
- Master Planning
- Planning and Regeneration Consultancy
- Environmental Engineering, Management and Consultancy

In view of the wide scope of services which will be covered by the framework, the council is open to bids which include for sub-consulting, consortium bidding and joint venture arrangements on the proviso that the stated minimum requirements are still met via the use of such arrangements.

However, if the proposed supply chain fails during the tender process, we reserve the right to set the bid aside. If it fails during the framework term, the lead consultant may be suspended, or potentially terminated, from the framework, as proportionate and appropriate.

The framework will be available to all SCG and SCOPAC members, including any future iterations of these groups which may include for changes in existing member status and/or addition of new members over the term of the framework agreement.

Only members who are classified as Contracting Authorities as defined within the Public Contracts Regulations (2015) will be permitted to use the framework agreement. Access will not be allowed for any members who are classified as Economic Operators under the regulations.

The current list of members is provided within Section II.2.3. All current member organisations support the establishment of the framework agreement and have expressed interest in using the agreement once operational.

In addition, the framework will also be accessible to all contracting authorities situated within England. To date, no commitment to use the framework has been made by any contracting authorities outside of the SCG and SCOPAC region and the council cannot provide any guarantee of take-up.

The value of the framework is estimated to be in the region of £5M over 4 years based upon the forecast requirements of SCG and SCOPAC members. In the event of further schemes or take up by other Contracting Authorities across England, the total value of the framework could increase to up to £50M, however a figure £15M is more likely. The values attributed to additional schemes and additional take up is a top level estimate only and should not be taken as any form of guarantee.

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Once established, contracting authorities will have a variety of call-off mechanisms and contracting options available for use which include for both mini-competition and direct award options. These will include:

#### MINI-COMPETITION

- Standard mini-competition amongst all Tier 1 suppliers only.
- Suppliers from Tier 2 will be invited to participate in standard mini-competitions on a ranked basis in the event of capacity and / or performance issues with Tier 1 suppliers.
- Suppliers from Tier 2 may be invited to participate in non-standard mini-competitions where the services are of a specialist / non-standard nature (specialist technical discipline, hi / lo contract value, hi / lo programme duration). In such cases an initial sifting brief may be issued to suppliers from both tiers in order to create a shortlist of suppliers. Such shortlists may be for a single commission or may be developed further into specific sub-lots which may be used to source future specialist / non-standard commissions over the duration of the framework agreement.
- Suppliers from Tier 2 will also be invited to participate where an in term non-standard mini-competition process is undertaken across both tiers the results of which will reset rankings and associated Tier allocations.

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- On a ranked basis - call-off contracts will be awarded to the highest ranked supplier on tier 1. Where the highest ranked supplier does not have the required capacity, the second ranked supplier will be approached, and so on.

- On a work development basis - in the event that any framework supplier has delivered an initial phase of services, either via this framework agreement or via another contracting route, future phases may be awarded via direct award to the same supplier.
- On a repeat work basis - where SCG or SCOPAC requirements are similar to services already delivered by a supplier for the contracting authority making the award or for work undertake for any other UK contracting authority let either via this framework agreement or another contracting route, a direct award may be made using this framework to the same supplier.

It is envisaged that the framework agreement will be let using the NEC4 Framework Agreement terms. However, use of the council's standard framework agreement terms is also under consideration and the decision on which terms will be used will be made in advance of the invitation to tender being issued to the shortlisted suppliers.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

As stated within the Call for Competition & associated documentation accessible via the Council's e-sourcing system InTend using the following link: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/portsmouthcc/asp/home>.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

##### **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

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Restricted procedure

##### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 6

##### **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**

Originally published as:

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21 June 2021

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Date

2 July 2021

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12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

30 July 2021

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: It is envisaged that a further notice will be published in Winter 2023/24 for a future iteration of the this framework. This will be dependent on the nature of future requirements and the need for a new framework.

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

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

The High Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom