

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/011785-2021>

Tender

Apprenticeship Management

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

F05: Contract notice – utilities

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-011785

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b57b

Published 27 May 2021, 10:04am

The closing date and time has been changed to:

17 June 2021, 2:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

Reading

RG1 8DB

Email

procurement.support.centre@thameswater.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ - South East (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.thameswater.co.uk

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement

I.6) Main activity

Water

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Apprenticeship Management

Reference number

FA1515

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The scope of this procurement is to award a framework agreement for a provider to manage and deliver our apprenticeship programs.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,590,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

4

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 4

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Thames Water reserves the right to award a single or multiple lots to the most suitable provider(s).

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Apprenticeship Management - Engineering

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Whole of TW Region

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of this procurement is to award a framework agreement for a primary and secondary provider to manage and deliver our Engineering Apprenticeship program.

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: £1,900,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Thames Water envisages that the contract will be awarded for an initial term of 3 years with option to extend annually up to a maximum term of 8 years.

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 10

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial duration of 3 years with the option to extend up to a maximum of 8 years

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Apprenticeship Management - Customer Experience and Continuous Improvement

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Whole of TW Region

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of this procurement is to multi award a framework agreement for multiple providers to manage and deliver our Customer Experience and Continuous Improvement Apprenticeship program.

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: £180,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial duration of 3 years with the option to extend up to a maximum of 8 years

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 10

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial duration of 3 years with the option to extend up to a maximum of 8 years

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Apprenticeship Management - Digital & Data

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Whole of TW Region

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of this procurement is to multi award a framework agreement for multiple providers to manage and deliver our Digital & Data Apprenticeship program.

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: £510,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial duration of 3 years with the option to extend up to a maximum of 8 years

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 10

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial duration of 3 years with the option to extend up to a maximum of 8 years

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Apprenticeship Management - Leadership

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Whole of TW Region

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of this procurement is to multi award a framework agreement for multiple providers to manage and deliver our Leadership Apprenticeship program.

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: £1,000,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial duration of 3 years with the option to extend up to a maximum of 8 years

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 10

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial duration of 3 years with the option to extend up to a maximum of 8 years

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial duration of 3 years with the option to extend up to a maximum of 8 years

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

Providers must be able to deliver apprenticeships to government standards as a minimum.

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.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

As detailed in the Section VI.3 and the PQQ

III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required

Bonds and/or Parent Company Guarantees of performance and financial standing may be required.

III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

Specified in the Invitation to Negotiate Document

III.1.8) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

Consortia may be required to form a legal entity prior to award

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

Must be a registered and approved apprenticeship training provider.

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

As detailed in the ITN

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

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: 25

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Originally published as:

Date

11 June 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

17 June 2021

Local time

2:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Between 3 and 8 years

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

All suppliers who wish to respond to this notice must request a pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) by using the web link in Section I.3

(www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement)

From your response to the link in Section I.3 or above, Thames Water's Procurement Support Centre will send you an email providing login details for our eSourcing system (i.e. IASTA Smartsource). To complete the PQQ you will need to login to IASTA Smartsource.

If the project requires it, you will receive an additional and separate survey to complete for Data Protection.

Note - The client may be Thames Water Utilities Limited or another company within the Kemble Water group structure

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Thames Water Utilities

Reading

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Thames Water Utilities Ltd will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).