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Tender

Lower Thames Crossing - Detailed Design Services for Contestable Gas Assets

Highways England

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029be7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Highways England

Woodlands, Manton Lane

Bedford

MK41 7LW

Email

LTCProcurement@highwaysengland.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

National registration number

9346363

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://highways.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://highways.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Lower Thames Crossing - Detailed Design Services for Contestable Gas Assets

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71322200 - Pipeline-design services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Highways England is the government company charged with operating, maintaining and improving England's motorways and major A roads. We are delivering the Lower Thames Crossing (LTC), a new high-quality dual carriageway connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the River Thames. This is the most ambitious roads project in the UK for more than a generation. The project will be transformational for the UK economy, while offering new connections, better journeys and fewer delays.

This Contract Notice is being issued to appoint a designer to support design services for contestable gas assets on the LTC project.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 44161100 - Gas pipelines
- 45230000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines, for highways, roads, airfields and railways; flatwork
- 65000000 - Public utilities

- 71322200 - Pipeline-design services
- 79415200 - Design consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKH3 - Essex
- UKH32 - Thurrock
- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The LTC project affects a number of statutory undertakers' assets. This contract is to undertake the detailed design for the diversion of approximately 17 affected low, intermediate and medium pressure gas pipelines, which are owned by Cadent Gas Ltd (Cadent) and have been deemed to be contestable by Cadent. These assets are located along the LTC route between the proposed north tunnel portal and the proposed junction with the M25. The length of each individual diversion ranges from 300m to several kilometres, with a total length of pipelines to be diverted of approximately 13km. The detailed design study will conclude by obtaining a letter of acceptance from Cadent.

The majority of contestable assets within scope have been agreed with Cadent during the initial LTC NRSWA/C2 enquiry and have been accepted by Cadent via submission of a Feasibility Study Report. However, a small number of those assets are known to be within the LTC works area but have not been assured to date via site investigations, so the location, characteristics and extent of the works is assumed. This will be required to be investigated to highlight any discrepancies and refine the extent of the scope for detailed design. The designer will undertake a gap analysis on the information provided and agree any further site investigations with Highways England, which will be delivered via LTC's existing contracts. These assets do not have an accepted Feasibility Study Report and as such may require an additional submission to Cadent to obtain acceptance at Cadent Stage Gate "Final Design Review - Refresh (FDR-R)".

The designer will work with LTC throughout the detailed design to coordinate their design with LTC's and third parties' (in particular, other statutory undertakers) designs. The designer will also engage with Cadent via LTC to meet the requirements of the Cadent Stage Gate Definition.

It is a mandatory requirement that the designer must be Gas Industry Registration Scheme (GIRS) accredited to provide design services.

Further details are obtainable in the tender documents available via Bravo.

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: £8,000,000

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

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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 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

The designer is required to be Gas Industry Registration Scheme (GIRS) accredited to provide design services as set out in the procurement documents.

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.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

A parent company guarantee or other security may be required if the applicant does not satisfy Highways England's economic and financial standing requirements. Please see tender documents for details.

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-005238](#)

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

Date

14 July 2021

Local time

1:00pm

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

Tender must be valid until: 11 November 2021

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

14 July 2021

Local time

1:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The Contracting Authority will use an e-Sourcing portal in this procurement. General information on how to take part in this procurement is detailed below:

1. Register the Applicant company on the e-Sourcing portal (this is only required once). Check as the Applicant or someone in your organisation may already be registered.
2. Visit <https://highways.bravosolution.co.uk> and either log on or click the link to register. If registering for the first time the Applicant will be requested to accept the terms and conditions before proceeding
3. To express Interest in this PQQ (referred to as a 'SQ' by Highways England) Login to the portal - Click the 'PQQs/ITTs Open to All Suppliers' link. (This shows all PQQ or ITT's open to any registered supplier on this portal). Click on this PQQ/ITT to access the content. Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. This will move the selected item into the Applicants 'My PQQs/ My ITT's page. (This is a secure area reserved for The Applicants projects only). The Applicant can access all attachments to the selected item by clicking into the 'Buyer Attachments' area.
4. To respond to the tender - Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ITT Details', The Applicant can then select either 'Create Response' or 'Decline to Respond' (please enter a reason if declining). Note the deadline for completion, (the closing date) and follow the onscreen instructions to complete your submission.
5. There will be a mixture of online and offline actions for you to perform. Once your submission is fully uploaded and considered complete, submit your reply using the 'Submit Response' button at the top of the page. This stage must be done for The Applicants submission to be considered.
6. The Applicant may save and exit their submission at any time during preparation up till the closing date. If left for a set period of time the system will time out and any unsaved data will be lost.
7. If you require any further technical assistance in the operation of the e-Sourcing portal, please consult the online help or contact the e-Sourcing help desk (0800 069 8630) available from 8am till 6pm.

It is mandatory for new Central Government contracts, which feature characteristics involving the handling of personal data and ICT systems designed to store or process data at the OFFICIAL level of the Government Security Classifications scheme (link below), to comply with Cyber Essentials.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>. All potential tenderers for Central Government contracts, featuring the above characteristics, should be aware of the requirements for the appropriate level of certification. Further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cyber-essentials-scheme-overview>

The selected tenderer will be required to accept the Highways England Fair Payment Charter as a condition of acceptance of their tender. Highways England intends to work with the winning bidder to explore opportunities for further efficiencies and improvements; discussions will take place during the mobilisation period. Highways England reserve the right to invite or not invite variant bids at their sole discretion. Further information will be set out in the Tender Documents.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice - England

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Highways England will incorporate a minimum 10-day standstill period at the point information on award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. Appeals should be lodged in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) as amended.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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