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Opportunity

SC23007 - Gravesend to Tilbury Ferry Service

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UKJ4 - Kent

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.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

SC23007 - Gravesend to Tilbury Ferry Service

Reference number

DN671263

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This requirement is for the provision of a Gravesend to Tilbury foot passenger ferry service promoted by Kent County Council and Thurrock Council which connects Kent with Essex, providing links for education, social and employment purposes.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Gravesend to Tilbury ferry Service is an initiative promoted by Kent County Council and Thurrock Council. This ferry service has a history dating back to the 13th century.

The Councils objectives for the ferry Service are as follows:

- the provision of a passenger ferry service between Gravesend and Tilbury, using nominated landing stages.
- compliance with all statutory requirements of operating a passenger ferry service in UK categorised waters; and
- to explore the provision of a vessel with enhanced levels of accessibility, improved environmental credentials, a high-quality passenger experience and a high-quality appearance.
- to explore the provision of additional services / sailings e.g., the operation of a Sunday service and additional evening or earlier journeys.

The terminal points are based in Gravesend, Kent and Tilbury, Essex. The service will use the Town Pier pontoon at Gravesend and the Port of Tilbury landing stage. The landing stages are owned and managed by Collins River Enterprises Ltd and the Port of Tilbury respectively. Kent County Council and Thurrock Council will ensure that the necessary rights exist for the operator to access the landing stages, including covering the costs of any applicable access rights or departure fees.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

Duration in months

77

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial Contract Term: 4 years and 5 months (53 months)

Contract Extension: 1 + 1 years (12 + 12 months)

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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

20 June 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

Maidstone

Country

United Kingdom