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## **Area 9 Maintenance and Response Contract (West Midlands)**

Highways England

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.highwaysengland.co.uk](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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>

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Area 9 Maintenance and Response Contract (West Midlands)

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

- 45233139 - Highway maintenance work

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

Works

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

Highways England is looking for a suitable contractor to provide and undertake all cyclical and reactive maintenance, incident response, defect rectification and severe weather delivery on the trunk roads and motorways within Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands and Worcestershire (Highways England Area 9).

Duties will also include maintenance of roadside technology, the provision of traffic management for the contractor's maintenance and incident response activities, and traffic management for others who may be working on the network.

Under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 the contractor will be Principal Contractor for all work they undertake.

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

Value excluding VAT: £335,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 34923000 - Road traffic-control equipment

- 45233130 - Construction work for highways
- 45233140 - Roadworks
- 45233141 - Road-maintenance works
- 45233210 - Surface work for highways
- 45310000 - Electrical installation work
- 45316200 - Installation of signalling equipment
- 50230000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to roads and other equipment
- 50800000 - Miscellaneous repair and maintenance services
- 71300000 - Engineering services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Main site or place of performance

Area 9 of the Strategic Road Network which includes Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands and Worcestershire.

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

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Full details of the services are outlined in the document 'Area 9 M&R Scope Issue 9', with a description of Highways England Area 9 provided in the document 'Area 9 Network

Information Issue 9'.

#### **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: £335,000,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

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

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### **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

A Parent Company Guarantee or equivalent form of security may be required at any time during the term of the contract. This may include where the financial standing of the

applicant does not meet the required level as stated in the Selection Questionnaire. Further information will be set out in the Selection Questionnaire and accompanying guidance.

Applicant companies are asked to note that Highways England may decline to award the contract to the highest scoring bidder where it is already the contractor for a certain number of existing Maintenance & Response and Asset Support Contracts. This is to maintain the resilience of the Highways England network. Contract award opportunities for applicant companies may therefore be prohibited on this basis. Full details of the network resilience test are provided within the Instruction for Tenderers (IfT) document.

Contract dates stated are indicative and may be subject to change.

### **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.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

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## **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 000-010057](#)

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

Date

9 September 2021

Local time

5:00pm

#### **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**

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

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

9 September 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

The Contracting Authority intends to use an eTendering system in this procurement exercise. Suppliers Instructions on how to take part in this Tender:

1. Register for a free account at <https://highways.bravosolution.co.uk>
2. Click the 'ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link. (These are Invitations to Tender (ITT) open to any registered supplier). Click on the relevant ITT to access the content. Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. This will move the ITT into your 'My ITTs' page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only). You can now access the Tender Documents by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'ITT Details' box.
3. Click 'My Response' under 'ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining). You can now use the 'Messages' function to communicate with Highways England and seek any clarification. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the ITT. There may be a mixture of online and offline actions for you to perform. You must then submit your reply using the 'Submit Response' button at the top of the page. If you require any further assistance please consult the online help, or contact the eTendering help desk.

The successful tenderer will be required to sign the Highways England Fair Payment Charter as a condition of acceptance of their tender.

As a supplier/organisation looking to bid for public sector contracts you should be aware that tender documentation for contracts over £10,000 GBP will be published on a single website and made available to the public. You should also be aware that if your bid is successful the resulting contract will be published. In some circumstances, limited redactions will be made to tender documentation and/or contracts before they are published in order to comply with existing law, to protect commercial interests and for the protection of national security. Highways England are committed to ensuring public sector procurement is used, where possible, to promote skills training and open up apprenticeship opportunities on public sector projects and programmes.

The successful Contractor will be appointed to fulfil the duties of Principal Contractor under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015. For further details



please refer to the Instructions for Tenderers.

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

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

Highways England Company Limited

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##### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

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