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Tender

22096 2023 Archaeological Fieldworks Services for Cambridgeshire County Council

Cambridgeshire County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=74dc6c12-299b-ed11-811e-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Opportunities/Index?p=ea3edb62-3a92-eb11-810c-005056b64545&v=2>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

22096 2023 Archaeological Fieldworks Services for Cambridgeshire County Council

Reference number

DN638384

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71351914 - Archaeological services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

As a developer, the council and its agents have obligations towards mitigating the impact caused by its projects on the historic environment. This includes the need for archaeological investigations. This framework ensures the most productive and cost-effective suppliers of commercial fieldwork services are available to the council

It is anticipated the value of this framework will range between £2.5m and £3.5m, depending on the requirements of the County Council and the Greater Cambridge Partnership throughout the term of the framework.

This requirement is not split into Lots, as the Authorities require 3 individual providers to service this requirement, for ease of management and to drive efficiencies.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 71351914 - Archaeological services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority proposes to enter into a framework agreement with 3 providers for an initial period of 36 months with the preferred bidders, with an option to extend for 12 months, making 48 months in total.

All work under this framework shall be awarded via one of 2 routes:

by approaching the provider who finishes in 1st place in the initial framework evaluation, and then if they are unable to service the requirement approaching the 2nd placed bidder and so on, or

Running a further competition where all providers shall be invited to submit a project specific proposal for a discrete piece of work.

In the event such further competitions take place, the responses shall be evaluated 60% on the quality element and 40% on price.

The anticipated framework commencement date is mid-October 2023.

It is difficult to predict the exact value of this contract as it shall be extensively used by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/>) and is open to all public bodies within Cambridgeshire, and Authorities' requirements are likely to vary over the contract term, but it is estimated that the total value will not be less than £2,500,000 or greater than £3,500,000.

The above figures are calculated by allocating the estimated (but not guaranteed) spends of Cambridgeshire County Council (or customers using the services of the Council) equating to approximately £625,000 pa, with an allowance of an additional £1,000,000 in total (also not guaranteed) from other bodies accessing this framework

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

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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

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

Date

14 August 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

14 August 2023

Local time

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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

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Royal Courts of Justice

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. The duration of this

standstill will be disclosed at this point.

This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the Contracting Authority before the contract is entered into. Such additional information should be required

from (Refer to address in Part 1.1). If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (Chapter 6) 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). Any such action must

be brought promptly. Where a contract has not been entered into the Court may order the setting aside of the

award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may order the ineffectiveness of a contract where serious breach have occurred in addition to any fine, the Court may instead provide for

alternative penalties, either contract shortening, fines or both.

Please ensure that you read the tender documents carefully in order to be aware of the requirements and relevant deadlines.

The Council reserves the right to award all, part or none of the business forming the subject

matter of this procurement and to abandon, halt, pause, or postpone this procurement at any time. Under no circumstances will the Council incur any liability (including, but not limited to, liability as to costs) in respect of this procurement exercise, the abandonment of the same, or any documentation issued as part of this procurement exercise.

The Authority have invested in an e-tendering tool in order to facilitate its tendering processes in a compliant and transparent manner.

Potential Providers will need to register an account via the "Procontract Portal" at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register> before being able to view the full tender details.

In order to access the tender documentation, click "Find Opportunities", then on the drop-down menu, filter by "Cambridgeshire Public Services" by clicking on "Update" to find the relevant opportunity or alternatively within the organisations drop down select Cambridgeshire County Council to also find the relevant opportunity.