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Award

Frequency Enhancements to the existing Ebbw Valley Railway Line - Consultancy Support

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0278

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

Frequency Enhancements to the existing Ebbw Valley Railway Line - Consultancy Support

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a VEAT notice of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council's (BGCBC) intention to award a service contract to Transport for Wales (TfW), to provide expert Project and Commercial Management along with technical advice and programme management to enable the delivery of an additional train service from Ebbw Vale to Newport, in support of the Frequency Enhancements to the existing Ebbw Valley Railway Line.

The project is part of the aim to increase train capacity (up to four (4) trains per hour) as set out by Welsh Government in the Wales Transport Strategy 2021.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,080,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL16 - Gwent Valleys

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The procurement comprises the appointment of Transport for Wales (TfW), to provide Project and Commercial Management along with expert technical advice to enable the Council to deliver an additional train service in support of the Frequency Enhancements to the existing Ebbw Valley Railway Line. Once completed, the project will support Welsh Governments Wales Transport Strategy 2021.

Project Roles and Responsibilities include:

Provision of expert consultancy advice to the Council in terms of technical, programme and commercial scrutiny of the Implementation Agreement for GRIP Stages 5-8 works, being delivered by Network Rail.

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This VEAT notice is alerting the market of the Council's intention to award a service contract to Transport for Wales(TfW) via a sole source procedure and not via a competitive tender via OJEU.

Transport for Wales (TfW) are a not-for-profit company owned by the Welsh Government and managed at arm's length by its appointed board to oversee the delivery of transportation projects and operational aspects within the Wales and the Border region. TfW's main objective is to drive forward the Welsh Government's vision of a high quality, safe, integrated, affordable and accessible transport network as set out in Prosperity for All: The National Strategy. Further, TfW were established to assist in the discharge of ministerial functions in relation to transport, including providing consultancy services in procuring, designing and constructing the rail infrastructure of South Wales

The Council intends to award the above contract following the application of a 10 day standstill period. The Standstill period will commence on the day following the publication of this notice and will end at midnight

on the 10th Day thereafter.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 August 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,080,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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