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Planning

CN250245 - Traffic Systems Asset Maintenance

Kent County Council

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Scope

Description

Kent County Council is looking for a supplier to provide full maintenance provision for existing and new technology assets on the Kent Highway network, primarily traffic signals but also electronic message signs, CCTV and associated communications infrastructure, to include:

- Routine inspections of equipment to meet statutory duties
- Fault repairs due to wear and tear or third-party damage
- Temporary switch off traffic signals to allow third parties to undertake works
- Planned works to modify existing assets or renew life expired equipment
- Communications between on-street units and the Traffic Operations Centre in Aylesford
- Provision, operation and management of a fault reporting/monitoring platform
- Emergency call out to make damaged equipment safe during out of hours

All traffic systems assets used to manage the highway network are of a very specialist and technical nature. The supplier will need to have the technical capability to deliver the whole contract. Following engagement with various authorities and providers, the approach is to create a contract that addresses both routine and non-routine works. This contract will outline the means, measures and payment mechanism for effectively maintaining the Intelligent Traffic Systems (ITS) asset, while ensuring a balanced approach to risk.

Total value (estimated)

- £45,000,000 excluding VAT
- £54,000,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- Possible extension to 31 March 2036
- 10 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

Contract locations

- UKJ4 - Kent

Engagement

Engagement deadline

14 February 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

Kent County Council (KCC) engaged with suppliers regarding capacity in the market to provide future Traffic Systems Asset Maintenance services, via a market engagement exercise in February 2025. All interested suppliers were asked to complete the published market engagement questionnaire and return to the Council before the 14th February 2025 deadline. After which further virtual market engagement discussions were held with suppliers to discuss responses further in more detail.

The current contract expires on 31st March 2026, with the new contract anticipated to commence on 1st April 2026.

The existing contract covers the maintenance of traffic signals with associated vehicle detection systems, as well as electronic message signs, speed/hazard warning signs, CCTV cameras, over-height vehicle detection and the associated fibre optic cables, mobile phone communication links, fixed broadband circuits and other systems used by the Traffic Operations Centre (TOC) based at Aylesford.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

Kent County Council

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