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## **Ground Investigation Works**

The Coal Authority

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority?\\_ga=2.268314765.2060832241.1688129422-1440148359.1685692134](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority?_ga=2.268314765.2060832241.1688129422-1440148359.1685692134)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://inbye.coal.gov.uk/P2P/SupplierPortal.aspx>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Ground Investigation Works

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71351500 - Ground investigation services

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

Services

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

The Coal Authority (Client) was established by Parliament to undertake specific statutory duties, set out in the Coal Industry Act 1994, associated with licensing coal mining operations; managing property and the historic legacy arising from the ownership of the coal reserves and underground workings; settling subsidence damage claims not falling on coal mine operators and providing access to coal mining information.

The Coal Authority has a legal duty under the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991, to repair properties damaged by coal mining subsidence in the five coalfield regions. The works are funded by grant in aid from central government, in order that the Coal Authority can discharge its statutory duty.

The Coal Authority employs over 300, based mainly at the head office in Mansfield with some field staff remotely based in order to enable a fast response to incidents in the coal mining areas.

The Coal Authority is funded by grant in aid from the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)

We will be publishing a competitive bidding exercise in Quarter 4 of 2023 which will be for the retendering of our existing Ground Investigation Framework which expires in February 2024.

This Notice is published to give interested parties advance notice of this opportunity.

The Coal Authority requires the provision of Ground investigation services which includes general items, boreholes, rotary drilling, pits and trenches, sampling, in-situ testing, geophysical testing, instrumentation and monitoring, laboratory testing, chemical testing for contaminated ground and attendance at framework meetings with the Client.

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

Value excluding VAT: £6,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Ground Investigation

Lot No

1

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

- 71351100 - Core preparation and analysis services
- 71351500 - Ground investigation services
- 71351710 - Geophysical prospecting services
- 71351810 - Topographical services
- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 71356000 - Technical services
- 71700000 - Monitoring and control services
- 71900000 - Laboratory services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

The works required under this framework will be located throughout the British coalfield areas which are split across the following five regions.

- Region 1 - Scotland East and West
- Region 2 - Cumbria / Northumberland / Co.Durham / Durham / Sunderland / Newcastle
- Region 3 - North Wales / Cheshire / Lancashire / Merseyside / North Yorkshire / West Yorkshire
- Region 4 - South Yorkshire / Nottinghamshire / Derbyshire / Leicestershire / Staffordshire / Shropshire / West Midlands / Warwickshire / Herefordshire / Worcestershire
- Region 5 - Somerset / South Gloucestershire / Bristol / South Wales / Pembrokeshire / North Gloucestershire (Forest of Dean)

These regions correspond with the UK Coal Fields. There may also be requirement for Ground Investigation within Mid Wales for examination of Metal mining fields.

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

The framework scope is the provision of ground investigation works and includes general items, boreholes, rotary drilling, pits and trenches, sampling, in-situ testing, geophysical testing, instrumentation and monitoring, laboratory testing, chemical testing for contaminated ground and attendance at framework meetings with the Client.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

This is a Prior Information Notice Only. There are no documents to view at this time.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 October 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

No action is required in response to this Prior Information Notice but if you have any questions about this opportunity please contact Roger Martin, Procurement Business Partner - [rogermartin@coal.gov.uk](mailto:rogermartin@coal.gov.uk)

Interested parties can register for free ahead of the documentation release via the Coal Authority's Tender Portal Inbye at the following address:

<https://inbye.coal.gov.uk/P2P/SupplierPortal.aspx>

Use of the system is Free of Charge but will require some company information and agreement to terms and conditions to access the system.