

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/022053-2023>

Award

Multi-trade skills hub - Homebuilding sector plan

Construction Industry Training Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-022053

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03eb6e

Published 28 July 2023, 4:05pm

Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Construction Industry Training Board

Sand Martin House, Bittern Way

Peterborough

PE2 8TY

Contact

Craig Hughes

Email

citb-procurement@gov.sscl.com

Telephone

+44 7704543667

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.citb.co.uk

Buyer's address

www.citb.co.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

ALB

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Multi-trade skills hub - Homebuilding sector plan

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To address the shortfall in skills provision, the 6 major homebuilders have agreed to work with NHBC to expand and develop at pace, multi-trade hubs within designated locations similar to existing facilities at Tamworth, Newcastle, and Cambridge. Working in continued partnership the delivery model has been finely tuned and is supplying the outcomes it set out to deliver, most notably site ready bricklaying apprentices at scale. The CITB direct funding of £1.25m is aligned to the attract workstream of the homebuilding sector plan and is supported by the 6 main homebuilders to support NHBC with the expansion of the Tamworth hub and to support the development of a multi-trade hub in Burgess Hill. The funding is split into two elements as follows. 1) £500K direct award to support the Tamworth hub to expand size and offer to cover Bricklaying, Carpentry, Roofing, and Groundworks. 2) £750K direct award to support the development of the NHBC site in Burgess Hill.

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: £1,250,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To address the shortfall in skills provision, the 6 major homebuilders have agreed to work with NHBC to expand and develop at pace, multi-trade hubs within designated locations similar to existing facilities at Tamworth, Newcastle, and Cambridge. Working in continued partnership the delivery model has been finely tuned and is supplying the outcomes it set out to deliver, most notably site ready bricklaying apprentices at scale. The CITB direct funding of £1.25m is aligned to the attract workstream of the homebuilding sector plan and is supported by the 6 main homebuilders to support NHBC with the expansion of the Tamworth hub and to support the development of a multi-trade hub in Burgess Hill. The funding is split into two elements as follows. 1) £500K direct award to support the Tamworth hub to expand size and offer to cover Bricklaying, Carpentry, Roofing, and Groundworks. 2) £750K direct award to support the development of the NHBC site in Burgess Hill.

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:

The contract is to directly fund NHBC for the expansion of Tamworth multi-Trade hub 500K and 750K to fund a secured site managed by NHBC in Burgess Hill and featured

under attract within the homebuilding sector plan. CITBs contribution is a capital investment to expand the current NHBC site in Tamworth, to increase capacity and increase provision to cover three additional trades of roofing, groundwork, and carpentry. This includes temporary building and other facilities such as computers, display equipment, training tools and training materials. The Locations have been agreed by industry representatives and are based on the participating homebuilder's views of where the most acute shortfalls exist. This is backed up by our own research which confirms acute skills gaps and shortages in these areas. The multi-skill hub model will test the option for CITB to work with main contractors and other partners to deliver skills solutions in construction 'hotspots. Longer term, the aim is to work with providers to address gaps in training supply, but this is some years off and so we need a vehicle to manage the immediate shortfall. If the hubs offer a solution that represent good value and works for industry it may form part of our longer-term solution to market failure. It is intended and featured within the Homebuilding sector plan that further geographic; locations and trades will be identified, and a larger competitive commission will be advertised during 2023 once capacity has been built and proof of concept and adaptability in place to set up at pace in other geographically identified areas of need and trades. NHBC is considered to be a 'Sole Supplier'. Although hubs are available in other formats to support work experience and mentoring, there are no other multi-trade hubs in existence with a proven delivery model and the agility to expand both by trade and geographical spread. This does not preclude other hubs from being developed and submitting bids on specific sector trades and location that may be featured in the competitive tender invitation anticipated in 2024/25 or sooner if CITB have all the appropriate positive data to proceed with this initiative featured in existing and future sector plans.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

27 July 2023

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

National House building council

NHBC House, Davy Avenue, Knowlhill

Milton Keynes

MK5 8FP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

00320784

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,250,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,250,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Without the expansion and the development of the multi-trade hubs, the home building sector will struggle to address the skills shortfall provision. The benefit afforded to CITB from proceeding with this contract is that both multi-trade hubs will directly impact and address the labour/skills shortage highlighted by Government in concentrated locations. In turn, this will enable CITB to measure/ascertain with statistics the success of these multi-trade hubs. It is intended and featured within the Homebuilding sector plan that a larger competitive commission will be advertised during financial year 2024/25 once capacity has been built and proof of concept and adaptability in place to set up at pace in other geographically identified areas of need and trades.

To view this notice, please click here:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/viewNotice.html?noticeId=797958220>

GO Reference: GO-2023728-PRO-23515674

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Construction Industry Training Board

Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays

Peterborough

PE2 8TY

Email

citb-procurement@gov.sscl.com

Country

United Kingdom