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Tender

Supply of Ground Investigation Services

Lancashire County Council

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Scope

Reference

JS/CORP/LCC/25/102

Description

Lancashire County Council is seeking to procure a framework agreement (Agreement) for the provision of Ground Investigation Services and Associated Works.

The work content will relate to Ground Investigation (i.e. boreholes/soil sampling and testing/ factual and interpretative reporting) as outlined in the tender pack. The Agreement will be used to carry out site investigations for new highway schemes, existing highway maintenance schemes, new Council buildings including new school developments and the potential treatment of mineshafts and shallow mine workings.

The investigation works will comprise of hand excavated trial pits, cable percussion boreholes, rotary open hole and core drilling, dynamic probing, environmental probing,

road pavement and structural coring. Sampling will be required, together with the production of borehole logs and factual reports, where required. Further information can be found within the tender pack.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £860,000 excluding VAT
- £1,032,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45111250 - Ground investigation work
- 71351500 - Ground investigation services

Contract locations

- UKD4 - Lancashire
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Lot 1. Work Packages under £50,000

Description

Lot 1 will be for the award of up to 5 Contractors for work packages under £50,000.

The work content of the packages will relate to Ground Investigation (i.e. boreholes/soil sampling and testing/ factual and interpretative reporting). This may be inclusive of site investigations for new highway schemes, existing highway maintenance schemes, new Council buildings (including new school developments) and the potential treatment of mineshafts and shallow mine workings.

These services for Lot 1 packages will be awarded to the Contractors by price and availability, conducted as required by The Authority and managed by The Authority's Highways Operations and Design Service.

Lot value (estimated)

- £550,000 excluding VAT
- £660,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Work Packages Over £50,000

Description

Lot 2 will be for the award of up to 5 Contractors for work packages over £50,000.

The work content of the packages will relate to Ground Investigation (i.e. boreholes/soil sampling and testing/ factual and interpretative reporting), inclusive of site investigations for new highway schemes, existing highway maintenance schemes, new Council buildings (including new school developments) and the potential treatment of mineshafts and shallow mine workings.

These services for Lot 2 packages will be awarded to the Contractors via mini competition, based on the specific work package requirements and conducted as required by The Authority and managed by The Authority's Highways Operations and Design Service.

Lot value (estimated)

- £310,000 excluding VAT
- £372,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

10

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

The Agreement will be comprised of two Lots, with a delineation of how works and services will be awarded;

Lot 1 will be for the award of up to 5 Contractors for work packages under £50,000. The works and services for Lot 1 will be awarded to the Contractors by price and availability, conducted as required by The Authority and managed by the Service Area.

Lot 2 will be awarded to up to 5 Contractors for work packages over £50,000. The work packages under Lot 2 will be awarded via mini competition, based on the specific work package requirements.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Submission

Enquiry deadline

9 June 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

18 June 2025, 11:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/tenders-and-procurement/tenders/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	50%
Safety	Quality	11%
Social Value	Quality	10%
Understanding of the Project Requirements	Quality	8%
Managing Quality	Quality	8%
Public Relations and Claims Minimisation	Quality	8%
Quality of Staff	Quality	5%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/tenders-and-procurement/tenders/>

Contracting authority

Lancashire County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government