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Planning

Engineering Services requiring Design and Construction Services for Sidmouth and East Beach Coastal Defence Scheme

East Devon District Council

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Scope

Reference

ED0373-25

Description

EDDC is currently preparing to initiate an open tender procurement exercise using the New Engineering Contract NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC) Option C, combined with Option X22 Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) to establish contract with suitable suppliers for seeking professional services to act as the lead Designer and Delivery Supplier for Sidmouth and East Beach Coastal Defence Scheme.

Prior to initiating the Open tender procurement route EDDC wishes to establish the level of market interest in participating in the procurement process.

This is specialist work in a complex marine environment so the prospective contractors

will be required to have extensive experience and expertise working in the marine environment and of heritage structures.

The supplier will be required to build upon the already appraised and approved outline option, known as option 6 by;

- Undertaking the technical numerical modelling,
- Developing the detailed designs,
- Liaising with statutory consultees,
- Managing the planning and construction of coastal defence structures, including offshore rock marine structures, sea walls, coastal groynes, and other necessary infrastructure as detailed within the outline option,
- Providing additional professional services to support the delivery of the scheme.

The work in scope for this tender is summarised as follows:

Option 6 – Indicative Scope of Works

Building upon the outline design, will incorporate a combination of the following interventions. The final configuration will be subject to detailed design, environmental considerations, stakeholder engagement, and regulatory approvals:

Beach Renourishment Tasks: provisions for beach renourishment techniques to support coastal defence objectives and maintain beach levels as detailed within the outline design.

Rock Structures: The proposed works may include the installation of a terminal rock groyne or at one or more offshore rock breakwaters or alternative submerged features designed to dissipate wave energy and enhance overall beach stability at the eastern extent of the frontage to manage littoral drift and mitigate ongoing erosion.

Shoreline Defence Enhancements: works may include raising, replacing, or future-proofing the existing splash wall; upgrading flood gates; improving access infrastructure; and modifying the existing river training wall elements.

River Sid Interface Improvements: localised enhancements to the River Sid flood wall and associated structures to ensure continuity with the coastal defence scheme and improve flood resilience.

Total value (estimated)

- £21,040,000 excluding VAT
- £25,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 27 November 2025 to 1 June 2030
- 4 years, 6 months, 5 days

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 43000000 - Machinery for mining, quarrying, construction equipment
- 45000000 - Construction work

Contract locations

- UKK4 - Devon

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 July 2025

Engagement process description

Prior to proceeding with the open tender procurement process, EDDC aims to assess the level of market interest and engage suppliers on key aspects of the project proposal.

This work involves specialised expertise in a complex marine environment; therefore, prospective contractors will be expected to demonstrate extensive experience and knowledge in marine settings and heritage structure management.

EDDC is seeking feedback on feasible proposals regarding the scheme's timeline, budget, effort, and supply chain management - specifically, the impacts and affordability of the proposed rock structures as detailed in the outline design, including lead times for rock procurement and the necessary specialised marine equipment.

The objective of this project is to develop and implement coastal defence measures to safeguard Sidmouth and East Beach from erosion and flooding. The aims include assessing market capacity and capability, identifying innovative solutions and best practices, and ensuring alignment with industry standards and expectations.

As part of the preparation, EDDC will be conducting exercise inviting suitably qualified and experienced suppliers who may have an interest in this project to complete the attached questionnaire located within section 13 & 14 to assist EDDC gain a better understanding of the feasibility of their requirements, buildability approach, mitigation strategies and the capacity of the market to deliver the scheme.

In responding, you should understand that detailed and lengthy submissions are not necessary at this stage. Nonetheless, we welcome any pertinent information on your organisation's capability and views on an approach to successfully undertake the commission. All information provided in this exercise will be treated in confidence in accordance with Data Protection Act 2018 and will NOT be considered in any future tender evaluation exercise.

Information gathered will be used in the development on feasible methods, costing and on the most suitable approach to meeting the operational, environmental and regulatory needs of the scheme.

Any information provided in response to this preliminary market engagement exercise marked as commercially sensitive will be treated as such. Participants are asked to identify any of the information supplied in the course of this exercise which should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity. In doing so participants must specify the reasons for

its sensitivity and specify the period for which the information will remain sensitive.

The EDDC project team and/or Dorset County Council's procurement team, will endeavour to consult with a concerned participant about sensitive information before making a decision on any Freedom of Information (FOI) requests received. The final decision on any FOI request rests with the relevant public body, subject to applicable law.

EDDC will take into account statements of confidentiality and commercial sensitivity that are provided by participants and will endeavour to consult with participants about sensitive information before making a decision on any FOI request received but the EDDC will make its own assessment and decision on these issues.

Publication of Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) notice

- EDDC issue Supplier Questionnaire and supporting information. 20 May 2025

Conduct Site visit attendance (AM) session.

Venue: Sidmouth Town Beach 16 Jun 2025

Conduct Collaborative Q&A (PM) session.

Venue: Kennaway House, Sidmouth EX10 8NG 16 Jun 2025

Deadline for Supplier PME Questionnaire return date. 30 Jun 2025

EDDC plan to conduct the following activities:

- Preliminary Market Engagement Notice: A notice will be published to invite interested parties to participate in the engagement process.
- Supplier day and site visit with questions and answers session: EDDC will be coordinating 1 Supplier Day site visit with Q&A session being held afterwards on the same day with parties to discuss project details and gather input.

Supplier day attendance:

- Suppliers are requested to notify EDDC's Project Manager by no later than 17:00 on Friday, 6 June, if they intend to attend the Supplier Day session on June 20.
- The Project Manager can be reached at steve.donnelly@bcpcouncil.gov.uk to confirm attendance numbers and venue logistics.
- Questionnaires and Surveys: EDDC have provided a questionnaire to collect detailed

feedback on specific aspects of the project which can be found within section 13 & 14 of this document – “suppliers response”.

In addition, depending on the volume of responses, the EDDC may wish to follow up the questionnaire with an additional Q&A workshop with interested Parties. The workshop will provide an opportunity for further mutual understanding of any potential risk, issues, assumptions and questions that may not have previously been considered.

EDDC request in advance of this of the supplier day if you could send us any questions that you would like to discuss at the Q&A event or any specific issues that you would like to raise and discuss. The supplier day will be strictly restricted to potential suppliers, key members of EDDC’s project team along with key members of the Clients Advisory and Stakeholder Group for representation where appropriate. In the event that the EDDC cannot accommodate the volume of individual meeting requests, EDDC will look to schedule additional supplier days to accommodate the suppliers, but this will be assessed and agreed after the PME has been published.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

13 November 2025

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