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## **Hire and Maintenance of Small Plant including Independent Hand Arm Vibration and Noise Testing**

South Lanarkshire Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00410](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00410)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Hire and Maintenance of Small Plant including Independent Hand Arm Vibration and Noise Testing

Reference number

SLC/PS/COMENT/21/003

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 98390000 - Other services

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

Services

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

South Lanarkshire Council has an ongoing requirement for a suitably qualified contractor for the provision of the Hire and Maintenance of Small Plant including Independent Hand Arm Vibration and Noise Testing for use by Community and Enterprise Resources, Roads and Transportation Services. However the contract can be accessed by other Council services where required.

All Plant supplied under this contract shall at all times comply with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 – Section 6, the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER) and the Supply of Machinery (Safety Regulations) 2008 (as amended). All Plant supplied under this Contract shall at all times comply with the common minimum British safety requirements and must be CE-Marked to show it complies with these requirements.

The contract period is 3 years with the option to extend for a further period of up to 36 months.

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,400,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 45259000 - Repair and maintenance of plant

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

NUTS codes

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

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

The Contract will be procured via the Open route with a proposed contract period of 3 years with the option to extend for up to 36 months years to achieve Best Value.

All Plant supplied will be designed and constructed in such a way as to reduce o the lowest level, all risks resulting from vibration, noise and other sources. Vibration will be measured in accordance with British Standard EN ISO 4142:2014.

The requirement includes fixed core hire, short term hire, , HAVS testing and maintenance of small plant. The service is required on an ongoing basis.

The requirement comprises of the Hire and Maintenance of Core plant required by Contracting Services on a full time “contract hire” basis, with all included items being retained by the Council for the full contract duration with no break in the hire period. There is also a requirement to Short Term Hire items of small plant and purchase plant consumables.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,400,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

An option to extend for a further period of up to 36 months.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

There are a number of questions/statements that have been included in the Contract Notice and within the Qualification Envelope which detail the minimum requirements that Bidders must be able to evidence for participation in this tender and ultimately will be required to evidence prior to any award being made. There are in addition further statements made that simply provide relevant information relating to the tender itself.

These questions and statements form an integral part of the Single Procurement Document (the SPD) which the Council has decided to implement for all tenders in excess of 50K GBP in value.

SPD Question 2.C.1 Reliance on the capacities of other entities

Bidders are required to complete a full SPD for each of the entities whose capacity they rely upon

SPD Question 2.D.1 Subcontractors on whose capacity the bidder does not rely

Bidders are required to complete a shortened version of the SPD for each Subcontractor on whose capacity the bidder does not rely on

Exclusion Criteria

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

SPD Questions 3A – 3C have been identified as mandatory exclusion grounds and SPD Questions 3D have been identified as discretionary exclusion grounds. All the exclusion grounds will be assessed on a PASS/FAIL basis. For the mandatory exclusion grounds a bid will be excluded where the bidder fails to provide either a positive response or to provide details to the satisfaction of the Council of the self cleansing measures undertaken. For the discretionary exclusion grounds a bid may be excluded where the bidder fails to provide either a positive response or if the Council is not satisfied as to the self cleansing measures undertaken.

SPD Question 4A.1 Trade Registers

It is a requirement of this tender that if the bidder is UK based they must hold a valid registration with Companies House. Where the bidder is UK based but not registered at Companies House they must be able to verify to the Councils satisfaction that they are trading from the address provided in the tender and under the company name given.

If the bidder is based out-with the UK they must be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade register appropriate to their country as described in Schedule 5 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

#### **SPD Question 4B.4 Economic and Financial Standing**

The Council will use the following ratios to evaluate a bidders financial status:

Profitability – this is taken as profit after tax but before dividends and minority interests. If a company makes a profit then it is a pass for this ratio;

Liquidity – this is calculated as current assets less stock and work in progress, divided by current liabilities. If the answer is greater than or equal to one then it is a pass for this ratio

Gearing – this is calculated as the total external secured borrowing (short term and long term) divided by shareholder funds expressed as a percentage. If the answer is less than or equal to 100% it is considered a pass for this ratio.

Bidders must provide the name and value of each of the 3 ratios within their response to SPD question 4B.4.

The Council requires bidders to pass 2 out of the 3 financial ratios above.

Where 2 out of the 3 ratios cannot be met, the Council may take the undernoted into consideration when assessing financial viability and the risk to the Council, providing that the Bidder can supply evidence to substantiate any of the mitigating criteria when requested to do so. The following list is not exhaustive and other criteria may be considered where proposed by a bidder as mitigating factors:

Would the bidder have passed the checks if prior year accounts had been used?

Were any of the poor appraisal outcomes "marginal"?

Does the bidder operate in a market which, traditionally, requires lower liquidity or higher debt finance?

Does the bidder have sufficient reserves to sustain losses for a number of years?

Does the bidder have a healthy cashflow?

Is the bidder profitable enough to finance the interest on its debt?

Is most of the bidder's debt owed to group companies?

Is the bidder's debt due to be repaid over a number of years, and affordable?

Have the bidder's results been adversely affected by "one off costs" and / or "one off accounting treatments"?

Do the bidder's auditors (where applicable) consider it to be a "going concern"?

Will the bidder provide a Parent Company Guarantee?

Is the bidder the single supplier/source of the Goods/Works/Services in the marketplace?

The Council will request submission of and assess the bidders financial accounts, and may use financial verification systems to validate the information provided.

#### SPD Question 4B.5 Insurance

The bidder must confirm that they have or will commit to obtain prior to the commencement of the contract, the following levels of Insurance Cover:

Employer's Liability Insurance covering the death of or bodily injuries to employees of the bidder arising out of and in the course of their employment in connection with this contract to the level of 10000000 GBP in respect of each claim, without limit to the number of claims.

Public Liability Insurance covering the death of or bodily injury to a person (not an employee of the bidder) or loss of or damage to property resulting from an action or failure to take action by the bidder to the level of 5000000 GBP in respect of each claim, without limit to the number of claims.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

#### SPD Question 4C.1.2 Technical and Professional Ability

With reference to the nature and details of the services that are the subject matter of this



tender, relevant examples are to be provided of the supplies/services undertaken by the bidder in the last 3 years in undertaking services to the requirements of this contract, including achievements in delivering such contracts within the requirements of the specification.

#### SPD Question 4C.9 Technical and Professional Ability (Equipment)

It is a mandatory requirement of the tender and subsequent contract that the successful bidder must have the tools and equipment as detailed in the schedule available at the commencement of the contract including confirmation that they can comply fully with the Specification and all relevant statutory requirements as detailed in the statement of requirements.

Bidders should confirm below whether or not they can meet this requirement by stating Yes or No in the text response field provided.

#### SPD Question 4C.10 Technical and Professional Ability (Sub-Contracting)

Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to subcontract and, if so, for what proportion of the contract.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

8 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

8 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

Declarations and Certificates

In an open tendering procedure prior to any award being made the successful bidder will provide the undernoted certificates, declarations and/or completed questionnaires to evidence their compliance with the relevant questions within the Qualification Envelope.

All certificates, declarations and questionnaires can be found within the Attachment area of PCS-T.

SPD Question 2D.1 Prompt Payment Certificate

SPD Question 3D.3 Human Rights Act Declaration

Declaration Section \*Form of Tender

SPD Question 3D.11 Non-Collusion Certificate

SPD Question 4B.5.1 Insurance Certificates

SPD Questions 3A.1 to 3A.8 Serious and Organised Crime Declaration

SPD Question 3A.6 Modern Slavery Act 2015 Declaration

\*The 'Form of Offer to Tender' must be completed and uploaded within the relevant question in the Commercial Envelope.

In the case of an open procedure, the other Declarations listed above will not be required to be uploaded and submitted with the bid, but will instead be requested by the Council following the conclusion of the evaluation of the Qualification, Technical and Commercial Envelopes and prior to the award of the tender.

Failure to provide this information or in the event that the information provided does not support or evidence the statements made within the SPD will invalidate the bid. In this scenario the Council will seek to obtain the relevant information and evidence from the second highest scoring bidder and so on until a fully compliant bidder is identified.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 18452.  
For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

### Community Benefits

Under this agreement bidders will be required to actively participate in the achievement of Community Benefits. A summary of the expected Community Benefits has been provided within the attachment area/technical envelope and bidders will be asked to provide details of the Community Benefits they can offer as part of their bid. The Council has calculated that the minimum total of 150 community benefit points which must be delivered under this project

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Hamilton Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 4 Beckford Street

Hamilton

ML3 0BT

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United Kingdom

Internet address

[www.scotscourts.gov.uk](http://www.scotscourts.gov.uk)

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Court of Session

Parliament House

Parliament Square

Edinburgh

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