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## **SRO Commercial and Financial Advisory Services**

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

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

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

Reading

RG1 8DB

#### **Contact**

Thames Water

#### **Email**

[procurement.supportcentre@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:procurement.supportcentre@thameswater.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ11 - Berkshire

## **Companies House**

02366661

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk>

## **I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/about-us/our-suppliers/procurement>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/about-us/our-suppliers/procurement>

## **I.6) Main activity**

Water

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

SRO Commercial and Financial Advisory Services

Reference number

FA1761

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

- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services

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

Services

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

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Thames Water Utilities Limited (TW) is seeking to engage a Commercial and Financial Advisor (CFA) to support it in the development of several 'Strategic Resource Options', from Gate 3 (developed design, finalised feasibility, pre-planning, etc) through to construction.

If during the course of this framework Thames Water identifies specialist needs and capability, Thames Water reserves the right to make a separate awards for these needs under this Framework.

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 71530000 - Construction consultancy services
- 71800000 - Consulting services for water-supply and waste consultancy
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services
- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Whole of the Thames Water region

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

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This lot shall run for an initial period of 3 years. The Contracting Entity reserves the right to extend this lot for a maximum further 5 years (either annually or other determined periods).

**II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 4

Maximum number: 6

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

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

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

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

As detailed in section VI.3 and PQQ

#### **III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required**

Bonds and/or parent company guarantees of performance and financial standing may be required. See procurement documents for further details

#### **III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

Specified in Invitation to Negotiate Document

#### **III.1.8) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

Consortia may be required to form a legal entity prior to award. See procurement documents for further details

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

#### **IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

#### **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

4 October 2022

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: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

All suppliers who wish to respond to this notice must request a pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) by using the web link in

Section I.3 ([www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement](http://www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement)).

From your response to the link in Section I.3 or above, Thames Water's Procurement Support Centre will send you an email providing login details for our eSourcing system (i.e. IASTA Smartsource). To complete the PQQ you will need to login to IASTA Smartsource.

If the project requires it, you will receive an additional and separate survey to complete for Data Protection.

Note - The client may be Thames Water Utilities Limited or another company within the Kemble Water group structure.

If the sourcing process identifies specialist needs and capability, Thames Water reserves the right to make a separate awards for these needs.

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

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

Thames Water Utilities Limited

Reading

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Thames Water Utilities Limited will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (SI 2016 No 274) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (Royal Courts of Justice) on The Strand, London

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Thames Water Utilities Limited

Reading

Country

United Kingdom