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Planning

Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership

Oldham Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKD - North West (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.oldham.gov.uk

Buyer's address

www.oldham.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

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

www.the-chest.org.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Oldham Green New Deal Delivery Partnership

Reference number

DN631138

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

The Council is conducting market engagement to help shape its requirements in sufficient depth to take us to the early stages of procurement for a strategic Delivery Partnership for the borough, working with a forward-looking investor developer and other organisations to bring about the transformation and decarbonisation of Oldham's energy infrastructure, creating win-win outcomes for commercial partners, local residents and businesses.

Please see details below.

Information about Lots: 'No' has been selected as a Yes/No indication is a mandatory entry for this form but the Council does not know at this stage if Lots will be used or not, and so reserves the right to change this selection in future contract notices.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09300000 - Electricity, heating, solar and nuclear energy
- 71314000 - Energy and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

Main site or place of performance

The borough of Oldham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Oldham Green New Deal (OGND) Strategy was the first local authority Green New Deal strategy to be adopted in the UK and sets out Oldham's unique approach to achieving our stretching net zero targets, which are even more ambitious than the 2038 carbon neutrality target set for Greater Manchester as a whole. Oldham is very much part of the Greater Manchester family though, and our ambition sits within the wider ambition and opportunity of the city region and its ten local authority areas - and is supported by the GM Combined Authority low carbon and environmental teams.

The Council believes that, working together with the private and third sectors and our local residents and businesses, we can achieve these challenging carbon neutrality targets while building the local green economy and creating good jobs and training opportunities. We recognise though that the Council alone cannot provide the scale of investment and capacity required to transform the energy infrastructure of the borough to achieve the transition to net zero, stabilise energy costs for residents and businesses and deliver on the net zero carbon targets outlined in the Green New Deal Strategy.

We are therefore seeking to establish a strategic Delivery Partnership for the borough, working with a forward-looking investor developer and other organisations to bring about the transformation and decarbonisation of Oldham's energy infrastructure, creating win-win outcomes for commercial partners, local residents and businesses.

We will also seek to appoint an Independent Assurance provider which will have oversight of the Delivery Partnership to ensure projects provide value for money to all stakeholders in addition to being financially viable. The appointment of an Independent Assurance Provider will be subject to a separate market engagement and procurement exercise.

Under this notice we are seeking market feedback which will help us to shape our requirements for the Delivery Partner in sufficient depth to take us to the early stages of procurement.

For the avoidance of any doubt, this (Chest project reference DN631138) is a brand-new market engagement exercise, fully independent of and separate to any previous soft market testing exercise previously conducted by the Council in 2021 and which is now

fully closed: (<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/025236-2021>). As a procurement process, it is also fully independent of and separate to the market engagement relating to the Oldham Green New Deal Independent Assurance Provider (Oldham Council procurement reference DN631261) which is running concurrently.

The market engagement documents contain a significant amount of information to convey the background and future opportunity for the Delivery Partner. They also contain a number of market engagement questions to which we would be very pleased and appreciative to receive responses to from any organisation interested in this potential opportunity, including any organisations which responded to our first round of market engagement 2021. Documentation and plans have progressed substantially since 2021. We are interested to hear from organisations which may be able to offer a 'one-stop-shop', and from those which may only be interested in providing, or have capability to provide specific elements (such as LEM platform providers, district heating, photovoltaic, electric vehicle charging etc.) of the overall solution (please refer specifically to Appendix 5 of the market engagement pack - Commercial and Contractual Models).

For the avoidance of any doubt this market engagement exercise will not serve as any kind of shortlisting.

The deadline for responses to the market engagement questions is 12.00 noon Tuesday 18th October 2022.

It is not possible at this stage to provide an indicative contract value for this opportunity. Please refer to the market engagement documents to understand the scale and duration of the opportunity for your own commercial estimations.

The Council cannot confirm future procurement dates at this stage but would hope to commence the procurement of the Independent Assurance Provider (IAP) within quarter one of its 2023/24 financial year (e.g., April-June 2023). The procurement of the Delivery Partner would not commence until the IAP is appointed.

II.2.14) Additional information

All communication (queries or clarifications) including your response is to go through the Council's e-tendering portal www.the-chest.org.uk and not addressed directly to individual Oldham Council employees or any Council agent by email or otherwise.

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The Chest - Tenderer Support

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Here you will see the hyperlink to log your issue / 'submit a ticket' for ProContract V3.

Alternatively you can log your call by emailing ProContractSuppliers@proactis.com and a representative will contact you as soon as possible. For Critical and Time-Sensitive issues you can call The Chest: 0330 005 0352.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 August 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes