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## **Hertfordshire County Council – Pre-Procurement Market Engagement for the Watford to Croxley Link (W2CL) Design Concept**

Hertfordshire County Council

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

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

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Buyer's address

[www.supplyhertfordshire.uk](http://www.supplyhertfordshire.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Hertfordshire County Council – Pre-Procurement Market Engagement for the Watford to Croxley Link (W2CL) Design Concept

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

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

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

Services

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

Hertfordshire County Council (the 'Council') is carrying out a Pre-Procurement Market Engagement ('PPME') in relation to developing concept designs for a wide range of potential mobility and transit solutions along the Watford to Croxley Link (W2CL), between Watford Junction and Croxley, including the disused railway line. The Council will consider the feedback received from the PPME to help inform the Council's options and further decision making. For the avoidance of doubt, this stage of the project is not part of a formal procurement process and the Council is not committing, at this stage, to carrying out such a process. Participation or non-participation in the PPME shall not prevent any supplier participating in a potential future procurement, nor is it intended that any information supplied as part of the PPME shall place any supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process. Participation in the PPME will be at each organisation's own cost. No expense in responding to

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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

The Council is carrying out a Pre-Procurement Market Engagement ('PPME') to engage with the market to promote and explain this exciting project along with creating an opportunity for suppliers, operators, and research organisations to partner and create conceptual designs for the delivery of a new and future-ready transport system in Watford. Following the PPME, we are seeking to engage multiple suppliers or consortia to concurrently and independently develop and refine their ideas for creative and holistic / integrated conceptual designs, demonstrating how a range of potential mobility solutions for the Watford to Croxley Link (W2CL) could be delivered. The Council is seeking solutions that consider a wide range of potential mobility options, including active travel, e-mobility, autonomous shared mobility and transit. The Council is seeking to understand the potential for innovation, inform the business case, harness local characteristics, inform the commercial, operation and delivery models and demonstrate a viable and best value solution for W2CL. Conceptual designs will need to propose solutions for each aspect of the W2CL, from the type of mobility solution to the way in which the network / route will be operated. These solutions must achieve the objectives for the W2CL and comply with known constraints as detailed in the W2CL specification. Suppliers will need to evidence how and why their proposed solutions achieve the W2CL specification, and demonstrate that collectively the solutions provide a complete, coherent and feasible concept which illustrates to the Council what a range of potential mobility solutions could be, how they can be delivered and how they could be operated. It is anticipated that the procurement process will commence in early 2022 and once contracts are awarded the contract term will be 3-4 months to develop the concept designs. While the Council will be the procuring body for this work, the Council will work in collaboration with Watford Borough Council, Three Rivers, Network Rail and Transport for London to oversee the delivery of the concept designs. More information is also included in the separate Supplier Briefing Document, also available on In-Tend. See also V1.3 below, additional information for details of how to become involved.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

5 November 2021

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## **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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

To access the PPME documentation please visit [www.supplyhertfordshire.uk](http://www.supplyhertfordshire.uk) and follow the on-screen guidance. To participate in this PPME, organisations must submit their completed Supplier Questionnaire (see Appendix A of the Supplier Briefing Document available on In-Tend), through the In-Tend system by the return deadline of 12.00 Noon on the 24th November 2021. Please make sure that you have submitted your Supplier Questionnaire following the instructions above. The Council will not be held accountable for any errors made by an organisation in submitting their Supplier Questionnaire. To register your interest in participating in the PPME event at 10am on 29th November 2021 please email [W2CL@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:W2CL@hertfordshire.gov.uk) confirming email contact details for a maximum of two per organisation, by 12.00 Noon on the 24th November 2021. If you are experiencing problems In-Tend offer a help section which includes a dedicated UK support desk which can be contacted via email: [support@in-tend.co.uk](mailto:support@in-tend.co.uk) or Telephone: +44 1144070065 for any website/technical questions, Monday to Friday, 8:30-17:00. Following the virtual event the Council intends to make available to all parties, the details of those who attended the session. Any other questions regarding the market engagement event or the subsequent process must be raised through the portal so that information can be shared transparently with all suppliers.