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## **DfI Roads and Rivers - Term Contract for Underwater and Confined Spaces Inspection Services**

Department for Infrastructure  
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F02: Contract notice

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

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

Department for Infrastructure

Clarence Court Adelaide Street

Belfast

BT2 8GB

#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

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

The contract involves 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

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

DfI Roads and Rivers - Term Contract for Underwater and Confined Spaces Inspection Services

Reference number

CfT 3726758

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

- 71631450 - Bridge-inspection services

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

Services

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

This contract is for routine underwater inspections and confined spaces for bridge structures that cannot be accessed by DfI Roads Inspectors. The contract will also address the need for one-off underwater inspections following storm events where scour damage to the structure is deemed possible.

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

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 71631450 - Bridge-inspection services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Mandatory Requirements / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Price - Weighting: 100

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

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

**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

There are options to extend the contract for a further three periods of up to twelve months each.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

**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

The Department's particular requirements will be set out in the contract documents

#### **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.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

The Department's particular requirements will be set out in the contract documents

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

The Department's particular requirements will be set out in the contract documents

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing 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

6 January 2022

Local time

3:00pm

**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**

Tender must be valid until: 6 April 2022

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

Date

6 January 2022

Local time

3:30pm

Place

Department for Infrastructure, Clarence Court, Belfast, BT2 8GB

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Only DfI Procurement staff with access to the procurement on eTendersNI

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

### **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**

DfI is utilising an electronic tendering system to manage this procurement and communicate with tenderers. Accordingly, it is intended that all communications with DfI, including the accessing and submission of tender responses, will be conducted via <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/home.do>. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in the Department for Infrastructure for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a certificate of unsatisfactory performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by centres of procurement expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of 12 months from the date of issue of the certificate.

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice

Belfast

Country



United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

DfI 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 Public Contracts Regulations 2015 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 (Northern Ireland).