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Tender

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

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BT2 8GB

Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

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

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.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

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

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

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).