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## **DfI TRAM T-1137 Engineering Services Consultancy Partner Contract (TRAM)**

Department for Infrastructure

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**

pb2infrastructure-ni.gov.uk; pb1infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

#### **Email**

[pb2@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:pb2@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN - Northern Ireland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.2) Information about 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**

Ministry or any other national or federal 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**

## DfI TRAM T-1137 Engineering Services Consultancy Partner Contract (TRAM)

### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71320000 - Engineering design services

### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

### II.1.4) Short description

The Contracting Authority is seeking to form and develop a mutually beneficial Professional Services Contract with external Consultants to assist the Contracting Authority in the delivery of Transport and Road Asset Management (TRAM) programmes. The successful economic operator will be required to provide a wide spectrum of civil engineering consultancy services and associated specialist services. Services required may relate to the following: Minor Highway Improvements, Transportation, Highway Structures, Major/Large Minor Works, Active Travel and the provision of Professional and Technical staff to assist DfI Tram in-house deliver teams. In accordance with Regulation 46 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR), the Contracting Authority has defined two Contract Areas (Lots) for this procurement. The Contract Areas will be defined by existing DfI TRAM geographical divisional boundaries as follows: • Contract 1 – East and West Engineering Services Consultancy Partner, covering existing Eastern and Western Divisions in Northern Ireland; and • Contract 2 – North and South Engineering Services Consultancy Partner, covering existing Northern and Southern Divisions in Northern Ireland.

### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £83,000,000

### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

2

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

## II.2) Description

### II.2.1) Title

## LOT 1: Eastern Division and Western Division

Lot No

1

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

- 71310000 - Consultative engineering and construction services
- 90710000 - Environmental management
- 71630000 - Technical inspection and testing services
- 71540000 - Construction management services
- 71510000 - Site-investigation services
- 71520000 - Construction supervision 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

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: £48,000,000

#### **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 this contract up to a maximum of 60 months at the discretion of

the Contracting Authority.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

Future projects financed by European Union funds may be delivered through this contract.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

## LOT 2: Northern Division and Southern Division

Lot No

2

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

- 71310000 - Consultative engineering and construction services
- 90710000 - Environmental management
- 71630000 - Technical inspection and testing services
- 71540000 - Construction management services
- 71510000 - Site-investigation services
- 71520000 - Construction supervision services

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Contracting Authority is seeking to form and develop a mutually beneficial Professional Services Contract with external Consultants to assist the Contracting Authority in the delivery of Transport and Road Asset Management (TRAM) programmes. The successful economic operator will be required to provide a wide spectrum of civil engineering consultancy services and associated specialist services. Services required may relate to the following: Minor Highway Improvements, Transportation, Highway Structures, Major/Large Minor Works, Active Travel and the provision of Professional and Technical staff to assist DfI Tram in-house deliver teams. In accordance with Regulation 46 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR), the Contracting Authority has defined two Contract Areas (Lots) for this procurement. The Contract Areas will be defined by existing DfI TRAM geographical divisional boundaries as follows: • Contract 1 – East and West Engineering Services Consultancy Partner, covering existing Eastern and Western Divisions in Northern Ireland; and • Contract 2 – North and South Engineering Services Consultancy Partner, covering existing Northern and Southern Divisions in Northern Ireland.

### 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: £35,000,000

#### **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 this contract up to a maximum of 60 months at the discretion of

the Contracting Authority.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

Future projects financed by European Union funds may be delivered through this contract.

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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



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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Restricted 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-018387](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

14 November 2023

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**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

### VI.3) Additional information

The Contracting Authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are Small or Medium Enterprises. (SMEs). The evaluation of submissions (PQQPs or TPs) will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement, and the contract will be awarded on the basis stated in II.2.5). All documents will only be available on line through the eTendersNI portal: (1) If your company is not already registered on eTendersNI you may do so through the eTendersNI portal <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/home.do> — Select the “Register as a Supplier” link and follow the on screen instructions. 2) Expression of Interest and access to tender documentation- You may “Express an Interest” in a project and access the tender documentation via the projects CfT Menu. If you require assistance or help to navigate the site please consult the on-line help, or contact the eTendersNI help desk. The documents may be downloaded up to the closing date and time for the submission. Submissions must be completed and returned to the Contracting Authority using the online eTendersNI portal, to arrive not later than the time and date as stated in IV.2.2). The Contracting Authority is utilising an electronic tendering system to manage this procurement and to communicate with Economic Operators. Accordingly, it is intended that all communications with the Contracting Authority, including the accessing and submission of tender responses, will be conducted via eTendersNI. Poor Performance, as part of its contract management procedures: the Contracting Authority and their CoPE will use the Protocol for Managing Poor Supplier Performance contained in the Procurement documentation. The protocol sets out a series of five escalating stages to enable Contracting Authorities and their CoPEs to manage poor performance by suppliers. At Stage 4, as an alternative to terminating the contract, senior management in the Contracting Authority/CoPE can issue a Notice of Written Warning. At Stage 5, as an alternative to terminating the contract, a notice of unsatisfactory performance can be issued to the Economic Operator. These notices remain current for the period of time stated in the protocol and an Economic Operator must declare, in subsequent procurement competitions, if it has received a current Notice of Written Warning or a current Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance within 3 years of the TP Submission Deadline. If an Economic Operator has received more than one current Notice of Written Warning the Contracting Authority/CoPE, at its discretion, can consider an Economic Operator’s exclusion from future procurement competitions, being undertaken on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Public Procurement Policy, for a minimum period of 12 months. If an Economic Operator is subject to a notice of unsatisfactory performance the Contracting Authority/CoPE, at its discretion, can consider the Economic Operator’s exclusion from future procurement competitions, being

undertaken on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Public Procurement Policy, for a period of 3 years. List of public bodies to which NI public procurement policy applies Department of Finance ([finance-ni.gov.uk](http://finance-ni.gov.uk)).

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

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

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JF

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

DfI will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.