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Tender

Port of Dover - Multi- Disciplinary Design Framework

Dover Harbour Board

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Scope

Description

Dover Harbour Board intends to establish the Multi Disciplinary Design Framework, comprised of a pool of multi-disciplinary consultants to assist capital programmes, based around the following disciplines:

- Berths & Marine
- Building Fabric & Services
- Civils, Structures & Highways
- Utilities

Requirements will range from design support for contractor-designed capital projects, to full programmes of design.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 December 2025 to 4 December 2029
- Possible extension to 4 December 2031
- 6 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Discretionary extension of 1 + 1 years.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works
- 79415200 - Design consultancy services

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

The Conditions of Contract will be the NEC4 Framework Contract with Work Orders awarded under the NEC4 Professional Services Contract or the NEC4 Professional Services Short Contract. It is also our intention to develop a series of KPIs with the successful Framework Partners, which may be used as a basis for the direct award of Work Orders. This mechanism is to be agreed between all parties within the first six months of the framework. It is also our intention to retain the ability to conduct direct award of Work Orders where the aggregate sum of the value of one partner's Works Orders exceeds £400,000.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

5 July 2025, 12:59am

Submission address and any special instructions

The tender will be conducted via the Contracting Authority's procurement platform, for which any applicant must be registered. This is located here: <https://intendhost.co.uk/portofdover.aspx/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

27 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	The award criteria are set out within the Procedure section of this notice, and within Section A of the Participation Stage Documents.	Price

Weighting description

The award criteria are set out within the Procedure section of this notice, and within Section A of the Participation Stage Documents.

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

The tender process will begin with a Participation Stage. In order to pass through the Participation Stage and be considered for future stages of this procurement, the Applicant must, by the time of submitting the Participation Stages Forms, have demonstrated that it meets the conditions of participation as set out in Appendix C of the documents. Following notification of the outcome of the Participation Stage evaluation, it is the Client's intention to release the next tranche of tender documentation which will include the assessment of technical and commercial submissions. This will be given a 70/30 weighting respectively. The Client will hold mid-tender interviews with each Applicant prior to the tender return date. Upon evaluation of these submissions, the Client intends to create a shortlist of 5 (five) applicants, with which it will enter a period of negotiation. Part of this Negotiation Stage will involve Behavioural Workshops, to be held with each individual Applicant, all of which will be scored. These will be in-person at the Client's premises between the Client's Framework Delivery Team and the Applicant's proposed management team, should they be successful. Upon completion of this stage, the remaining Applicants will submit their final tenders in the form of revised commercial submissions, where applicable. The last stage of the Client's evaluation will score the commercial submission and the Behavioural Workshops on a 60/40 weighting. Positions on the framework will be awarded to 2 (two) successful Applicants who provide the most advantageous tenders, in accordance with the applied scoring criteria.

Contracting authority

Dover Harbour Board

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