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Port of Dover – Specialist Design Support Framework

Dover Harbour Board

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Scope

Description

Dover Harbour Board intends to establish the Specialist Design Support Framework, comprised of a pool of consultants based around the following Lots:

Lot 1 - Civils Design

Lot 2 - Maritime Design

Lot 3 - Specialist Mechanical Design

Lot 4 - Structural Design

Lot 5 - Electrical Design

Lot 6 - Architectural Design

Since requirements will include ad-hoc assessments, reactive design services and discreet, specialist design packages, this framework lends itself to the flexibility and reactivity of SMEs. Applicants may apply for multiple Lots.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 December 2025 to 4 December 2033
- 8 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot LOT-0001. Civils Design

Description

Services under this Lot will be focused on individual, discreet packages of design across civils and highway assets including, though not limited to, bridges, culverts, paving and gantries. Further information is available in Appendix C of the documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 79933000 - Design support services
- 79415200 - Design consultancy services
- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works
- 71320000 - Engineering design services

Same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot LOT-0002. Maritime Design

Description

A non-exhaustive list of potential specialist works includes:

- cathodic protection and corrosion prevention systems - including coating specialists and Level 4 cathodic protection specialist to BS EN ISO 15257:2017 specifically in the field of marine metallic structures
- wave energy, tidal energy, offshore wind energy
- mooring line snap-back protection
- scour prevention and protection, etc.

Further information on scope is available in Appendix C of the documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 71320000 - Engineering design services

- 79415200 - Design consultancy services
- 79933000 - Design support services
- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works

Same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot LOT-0003. Specialist Mechanical Design

Description

Services under this Lot will be focused on individual, discreet packages of design across mechanical assets including, though not limited to, water, gas and sewerage provisions, working mechanical components to structures facilitating berthing, loading and passenger access operations including hydraulic systems/components contained within and mechanical services provided within the Ports' circa 200 buildings.

Further information on scope is included within Appendix C of the documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71321000 - Engineering design services for mechanical and electrical installations for buildings
- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works
- 79415200 - Design consultancy services
- 79933000 - Design support services

Same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot LOT-0004. Structural Design

Description

Services under this Lot will be focused on individual, discreet packages of design across structural assets including, though not limited to, bridges, suspended decks, retaining walls, lighting columns, High Mast Lighting Units, support structures, building structures and berth structures

Further information on scope is included within Appendix C of the documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT

- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works
- 71327000 - Load-bearing structure design services
- 79415200 - Design consultancy services
- 79933000 - Design support services

Same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot LOT-0005. Electrical Design

Description

Services under this Lot will be focused on individual, discreet packages of design across electrical assets including, though not limited to, the following:

- High Voltage electrical distribution network
- Electrical Substations
- Buildings, kiosks and lighthouses - which vary considerably in functional use, construction

form, age, condition and exposure to the elements.

- Standby Generating sets
- High mast roadway lighting
- Illuminated external signage and message display boards
- Navigation lighting
- Berth Linkspan systems and equipment
- Berthing equipment, including quick release hooks
- Passenger Boarding Bridges
- Control systems including PLCs and BMS systems

Further information on scope can be found in Appendix C of the documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71321000 - Engineering design services for mechanical and electrical installations for buildings
- 71323100 - Electrical power systems design services

- 79415200 - Design consultancy services
- 79933000 - Design support services

Same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot LOT-0006. Architectural Design

Description

Services under this Lot will be focused on individual, discreet packages of design across buildings assets including, though not limited to, the following:

Traditional framed structures;

Traditional masonry structures;

Pre-fabricated structures;

Containers/ enclosures (housing plant or mechanical / electrical equipment or services)

Canopies (either fitted to buildings or installed above vehicle lanes)

Heritage assets, including office buildings, residential apartments a Cruise Terminal and Lighthouses.

Further information on scope can be found in Appendix C of the documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT

- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 71200000 - Architectural and related services
- 71220000 - Architectural design services
- 79415200 - Design consultancy services
- 79933000 - Design support services

Same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

4 December 2033

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 the intention to develop and agree KPIs with each Framework Partner within the first 6 months of the framework. These KPIs may be used as a basis for direct award in future Work Orders. It is the intention to re-open the framework in the 3rd and 6th years.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot LOT-0001. Civils Design

Lot LOT-0002. Maritime Design

Lot LOT-0003. Specialist Mechanical Design

Lot LOT-0004. Structural Design

Lot LOT-0005. Electrical Design

Lot LOT-0006. Architectural Design

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

5 July 2025, 12:59am

Submission address and any special instructions

This procurement will be managed through the Contracting Authority's procurement platform, for which all applicants must be registered. This can be found 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)

17 November 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	As detailed in the Procedure section of this notice and Section A of the Participation Stage Documents.	Price

Weighting description

As detailed in the Procedure section of this notice and Section A of the Participation Stage Documents.

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

An initial Participation Stage will be used. 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 for all relevant Lots, 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 enter a period of negotiation with all Applicants that exceed the minimum scoring requirements, prior to the submission of final tenders which will form the final basis of comparison to identify the most advantageous tenders.

Positions on the framework will be awarded to a maximum of 4 (four) successful Applicants per Lot.

Contracting authority

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