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Apprenticeship Management - Water Industry Standards

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

Reading

RG1 8DB

Contact

Thames Water

Email

procurement.support.centre@thameswater.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk>

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/about-us/our-suppliers/procurement>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.6) Main activity

Water

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Apprenticeship Management - Water Industry Standards

Reference number

FA1706

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The scope of this procurement is to award a framework agreement for a provider to

manage and deliver our apprenticeship programs relating to Water Industry Standards.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £720,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

The whole Thames Water region.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of this procurement is to award a framework agreement for a provider to manage and deliver our apprenticeship programs relating to Water Industry Standards.

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: £720,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Thames Water envisages that the contract will be awarded for an initial term of 3 years with option to extend annually up to a maximum term of 8 years.

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial duration of 3 years with the option to extend up to a maximum of 8 years.

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

Providers must be able to deliver apprenticeships to government standards as a minimum.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

As detailed in section VI.3 and PQQ.

III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required

Bonds and/or parent company guarantees of performance and financial standing may be required.

III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

Specified in Invitation to Negotiate Document.

III.1.8) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

Consortia may be required to form a legal entity prior to award.

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

Must be a registered and approved apprenticeship training provider.

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

As Detailed in the ITN.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 2

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

14 January 2022

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

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

All suppliers who wish to respond to this notice must request a pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) by using the link in Section I.3 of this notice, i.e.

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement>

All bidders will receive an email from procurement.supportcentre@thameswater.co.uk containing their log on details into our Smartsource Portal in order to access the PQQ documents.

Note that your client may be Thames Water Utilities Ltd or another company within the Kemble Water group structure.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Thames Water Utilities Limited

Reading

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Thames Water Utilities Limited 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 Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (SI 2016 No 274) 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 (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).