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Planning

Market Engagement Event for the procurement of a concession contract for electric vehicle charging infrastructure utilising LEVI funding (OZEV)

Cheshire East Borough Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Market Engagement Event for the procurement of a concession contract for electric vehicle charging infrastructure utilising LEVI funding (OZEV)

Reference number

DN744968

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34928450 - Bollards

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Cheshire East Council would like to invite organisations to attend a market consultation event (on Microsoft Teams) to review and feedback on the approach and specification for the upcoming procurement to distribute LEVI funding from OZEV. A questionnaire is attached to the market consultation event on www.the-chest.org.uk along DN744968 with a draft version of the specification for review and comment. All feedback must be received via the chest prior to 1st November 2024 at 12 noon via the chest to be considered. The market engagement event will be held on 24th October 2024 10am-12pm. To attend this event, please email victoria.adjekum@cheshireeast.gov.uk to confirm the email addresses of the attendees.

Further details are contained in this prior information notice at section II.2.4 which outlines the matters on which the Authority is seeking feedback and views from the market.

The Authority is seeking responses to its Soft Market Testing Questionnaire in advance of the

deadline of 1st November 2024. Responses should be submitted through www.the-chest.org.uk

Participation in this market engagement exercise is not a requirement for participation in any

future procurement process undertaken by the Authority, nor is it intended that any responses received to the Soft Market Testing Questionnaire have the effect of distorting future competition or violating the principles of non-discrimination and transparency.

All clarification questions should be directed through www.the-chest.org.uk as individual queries cannot be answered outside of this process.

The Soft Market Testing Questionnaire (including a supporting descriptive document with background information) will be available on The Chest e-tendering portal at: www.the@chest.org.uk

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

2 lots, potentially restricted to bidders bidding for one lot only subject to feedback from market engagement.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Standard Chargepoints

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45233293 - Installation of street furniture

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

open or restricted procedure to be decided

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Flush Fitting

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45233293 - Installation of street furniture

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

open or restricted procedure to be decided

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 February 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Subject to the provisions and requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Authority and its appointed advisors shall hold all information provided in response to this market engagement exercise in the strictest confidence. Respondents are advised that by submitting a response to the Soft Market Testing Questionnaire, that neither they nor the Authority are under any obligation to provide the proposed service or enter into a contractual relationship in line with any information provided as part of a Soft Market Testing Questionnaire response.

The Authority intends to proceed to procurement of electric vehicle infrastructure (LEVI) in late 2024 to early 2025, however makes no guarantees, commitments or representations that it will commence a procurement process.

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is an indication of potential future procurement activity and is subject to change. The PIN is not part of any pre-qualification or selection process and

is not a commitment by the Authority to enter a procurement process. The Authority is keen

to explore all options or solutions that may be currently available in the market and would like to engage with potential providers in this regard.

Responses to the questionnaire should be submitted electronically via the chest by 12 noon on the 1st November 2024. Clarification questions should be submitted via the chest prior to this

deadline.