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Tender

Mount Batten Pontoon Replacement

Plymouth City Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

The clarification deadline, submission deadline and estimated contract start date has been amended

Scope

Reference

26198

Description

Plymouth City Council ('The Council') are seeking a main contractor to undertake the design and construction of the replacement pontoon and associated bridgehead repairs at the Mount Batten Watersports and Activities Centre, Plymouth.

The existing pontoon has reached the end of its operational life and requires replacement. The objectives of the project are to:

- Improve inclusive access to the Plymouth Sound National Marine Park at Mount Batten Watersports Centre
- Provide a new permanent facility for the Mount Batten Ferry within the replacement pontoon arrangement
- Restore the current bridgehead to ensure continuity of the above
- To do so, whilst minimising the impact on operation of the water sports centre and ferry, reducing whole life greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing the marine environment

The core elements of the design and build contract will include, but are not limited to:

- Bridgehead repairs with the addition of environmental enhancements like artificial reef tiles
- Removal and disposal of the existing pontoon structure
- Supply and installation of a new pontoon system
- Piling work as required
- Linkspan installation
- Potential reuse of existing elements, such as piles and linkspan, where feasible

The anticipated duration of the contract is 4 months, subject to works completion. Due to the nature of the project, the duration of the contract may be extended because of, including but not limited to, site or weather conditions.

The form of contract being used is NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC), under which the contractor will be responsible for the design and construction of the facility. The NEC4 ECC will be an Option A: priced contract with activity schedule.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,640,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 7 months

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Tenderers must submit a Tender for the core requirement (Option A). Option A will form the basis of the tender evaluation. Tenderers must also submit pricing for Options B and C. Options B and C will be for information only purposes.

The Council reserves the right to award Options B and/or C to the successful Tenderer or omit/amend works to the current tender information (where necessary).

Option A - long section pontoon with facilities for public water taxi

Option B - includes for 4 commercial berths

Option C - includes for 8 commercial berths

Within the Instruction Document, a list of risks have been identified that could jeopardise the satisfactory performance of the contract but because of their nature, cannot be addressed in the contract as awarded. The Council reserves the right to modify the contract if any of the identified risks materialise.

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 34515000 - Floating structures
- 45242100 - Water-sports facilities construction work
- 45242200 - Marina construction work
- 45244100 - Marine installations

Contract locations

- UKK41 - Plymouth

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

30 June 2025, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

11 July 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Suppliers interested in this opportunity should visit <https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk/> and search for the opportunity under Project Reference DN774869 to view the associated tender documentation and submit a tender.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Method Statements	The sub-weightings of individual method statement questions are set out in the Return Document	Quality	55%
Total Tender Sum	The sub-weightings of individual method statement questions are set out in the Return Document	Price	40%
Social Value	Total Social Value Commitment (£) - 2% Social Value Method Statement - 3%	Quality	5%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

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