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Contract

Geotechnical Engineering Advisory & Consultancy Service

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Contact

Thames Water

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement

I.6) Main activity

Water

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Geotechnical Engineering Advisory & Consultancy Service

Reference number

FA1653

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71332000 - Geotechnical engineering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Thames Water require highly specialised technical support in the Geotechnical Engineering discipline concerning impacts to our critical trunk sewers, water transfer tunnels and strategic water mains from the impact of third-party construction activities.

Also, expert geotechnical advice and support regarding the analyses of ground movements caused by third-party subsurface construction activity, review of third-party tunnel analyses and design and effect of construction work on structural integrity all all existing Thames Water tunnels (both bolted and unbolted construction) . The technical support will also include but may not necessarily be limited to statutory inspection of reservoirs and tunnels and expert advice on any proposed geotechnical/structural safety issues that need to be addressed. In some instances, there may need to be expert witness services provided if any detriment caused to existing sub surface assets is deemed to have been caused by a third-party activity.

Overall, the service will involve providing robust engineering geotechnical assurance to the Business in particular in the implementation of Capital Delivery projects, Developer Services projects and the Periodic Regulatory Inspections of tunnels and reservoirs to ensure Thames Water (TWUL) from fully comply with Statutory Obligations and preserve the integrity and serviceability of its assets in the interests of its stakeholder.

The scopes of services provided are:

- Inspection of Thames Water Critical Assets such as tunnels and reservoirs and recommending urgent remedial action and preparation of the survey guidance procedures currently used across the network.
- Review of complex geotechnical design proposals from developers, national infrastructure and transport authorities on existing Thames Water assets.
- Carrying out research and investigation programme to identify the causal mechanisms of potential critical assert such as tunnel failures (predictive failures)
- Providing advice to TWUL Reservoir Safety and Asset Condition Manager after review of developer's proposals for works in the vicinity of tunnels, including risk mitigation measures
- Reviewing and reporting on impacts to strategic sewers particularly those under surcharge risk which is now present in most areas of London (e.g. the recent failure of Low-Level No. 1 at Battersea)
- Assisting TWUL during negotiations with Developers (Clients, Architects, Engineers and Contractors.) on complex projects and where appropriate advice on essential risk mitigation works
- Providing dispute avoidance advisory services to avert possible legal challenges by Developers and External Parties.
- Support Developer Services, Capital Delivery and Tideway Tunnel Integration Teams in Geotechnical Risk Assessment and preparation of required reports for project implementation.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

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

Main site or place of performance

Whole of Thames Water Region

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initially for three years and potential to extend annually up to maximum eight years subjected to satisfactory performance.

II.2.14) Additional information

All suppliers who wish to respond to this contract notice must request a pre qualification questionnaire (PQQ) by using the web link in Section I.3 (www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement).

From your response to the link in Section I.3 or above, Thames Water's Procurement Support Centre will send you an email providing login details for our eSourcing system (i.e. IASTA Smartsource). To complete the PQQ you will need to login to IASTA Smartsource.

If the project requires it, you will receive an additional and separate survey to complete for Data Protection.

Note The client may be Thames Water Utilities Limited or another company within the Kemble Water group structure.

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-024935](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

FA1653

Title

Geotechnical Engineering Advisory & Consultancy Service

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOTIFICATION OF A DISCONTINUED PROCEDURE AND NOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY

The contract notice published on 06 October 2021 stipulated that we would award a Framework Agreement with a single operator - this project should have been advertised as a Framework agreement with multiple operators.

Therefore this opportunity has been cancelled and will re re-advertised in 2022.

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).