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## **Rapid Response & Tunnel Access Services for the Thames Tideway Tunnel - Market Engagement**

Bazalgette Tunnel Limited (trading as Tideway)

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.tideway.london](http://www.tideway.london)

Buyer's address

[www.tideway.london](http://www.tideway.london)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.6) Main activity**

Other activity

Design, finance, construct and operate the Thames Tideway Tunnel

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Rapid Response & Tunnel Access Services for the Thames Tideway Tunnel - Market Engagement

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71540000 - Construction management services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Rapid Response & Tunnel Access Services for the Thames Tideway Tunnel - Market

## Engagement:

Following completion of the Works on the Thames Tideway Tunnel (TTT) project, Tideway is responsible for maintaining the TTT network during the System Acceptance period which currently runs from approximately mid 2025 for a minimum of 18 and up to a 36 month period.

Tideway is therefore exploring service delivery options for rapid response & tunnel access capability across the 21 project sites during the System Acceptance period.

Tideway is inviting suppliers in relevant industries to respond initially to a market engagement questionnaire so that Tideway can better understand the industry, its capabilities, capacity and appetite for a potential service package.

To express interest in this opportunity and to receive the market engagement documentation, suppliers should register through emailing [procurement@tideway.london](mailto:procurement@tideway.london) with relevant organisation and individual contact details.

Suppliers who register will then be provided with a market engagement briefing paper which will provide further details of the package in question and a market engagement questionnaire for review and completion for issue back to Tideway. Information provided will assist with internal procurement planning prior to issue of Pre-Qualification Questionnaire, currently planned for March 2024.

Further details of the Thames Tideway Tunnel Project can be found at [www.Tideway.London](http://www.Tideway.London).

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42414100 - Cranes
- 43310000 - Civil engineering machinery
- 43320000 - Construction equipment
- 45221247 - Tunnelling works
- 45510000 - Hire of cranes with operator
- 63712320 - Tunnel operation services

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71541000 - Construction project management services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various site locations across London, more specifically described in the market engagement documents.

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Rapid Response & Tunnel Access Services for the Thames Tideway Tunnel - Market Engagement:

The Thames Tideway Tunnel (TTT) is 25km (15.5m) long, stretching from Acton in west London to Abbey Mills Pumping Station in the east, and is built on a gradient so flows travel west to east. At its deepest, it is 67m underground (33m at its shallowest) and the internal diameter of the tunnel is 7.2m. There are 21 shafts constructed on the project which will be used to divert sewage flows from London's existing Victorian sewage network to the new 25-kilometre tunnel, which range in depth from c.35-c.65 metres across the project.

Following completion of the Works on the TTT project, Tideway is responsible for maintaining the TTT network during the System Acceptance period which currently runs from approximately mid 2025 for a minimum of 18 and up to a 36-month period. Tideway is therefore exploring service delivery options for rapid response & tunnel access capability across the 21 project sites during the System Acceptance period.

The Service consists of three core elements to be delivered by the Contractor which are summarised as follows:

1) Rapid response tunnel access: In support of search and rescue missions that will be carried out by Tideway's Search & Rescue Contractor.

Tideway's Search & Rescue Contractor may be called upon at any time to undertake search and rescue missions in the TTT network. For example, they may be called upon to locate and rescue intruders. Whilst the Search & Rescue Contractor will provide the specialist rescue teams and equipment, their entry to and egress from the tunnel network will be facilitated by the Contractor who will provide the lifting plant and people-carrier

baskets that can be rapidly deployed at two project locations simultaneously.

2) Planned tunnel access: In support of tunnel inspections and repairs that will be carried out by Tideway's Inspection Services Contractor and Others as appropriate.

Tideway's Tunnel Inspection Contractor will undertake a detailed inspection of the TTT network under a planned tunnel shutdown during the System Acceptance Period. If the inspections uncover defects and/or high levels of sediment in the tunnels that require removal, then a further planned tunnel shutdown may be required during the System Acceptance Period to facilitate the repairs and sediment removal by Other Contractors.

The Contractor will manage the tunnel shutdowns; provide temporary air ventilation; provide over pumping and tankering; facilitate the Tunnel Inspection Contractor's and Other Contractors with access to and egress from the tunnels by providing the lifting plant and carrier baskets at up to twenty-one project locations simultaneously.

3) Rapid response access to remove blockages: From near surface parts of the tunnel infrastructure.

When instructed by Tideway, the Contractor will be responsible for the removal of blockages from near surface civil structures (called vortex generators) at any time during the System Acceptance Period. The Contractor will provide the plant and the people that can be rapidly deployed to undertake the removal.

Further details of the Thames Tideway Tunnel Project can be found at [www.Tideway.London](http://www.Tideway.London).

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

26 February 2024

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## **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: No

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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To express interest in this opportunity and to receive the market engagement documentation, suppliers should register through emailing [procurement@tideway.london](mailto:procurement@tideway.london) with relevant organisation and contact details.

Suppliers who register will then be provided with a market engagement briefing paper, which will provide details of the package in question and key dates etc, and a market engagement questionnaire for review and completion.

This exercise is being carried out in advance of any formal procurement process. It is not a pre-qualification or tendering exercise.

Tideway is under no obligation to issue any procurement opportunity as a result of this engagement exercise, and this exercise should not be taken as any indication of intent.

The market engagement process may be terminated or suspended at any time without cost or liability to Tideway. No contractual rights, express or implied, arise out of this Periodic Indicative Notice or the procedures envisaged by it.