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Planning

Mine Entry Inspections

The Coal Authority

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Mine Entry Inspections

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Please note: This is a Prior Information Notice and is part of our Market Engagement. This is not a call for competition at this time.

All details contained here in are estimates and may be subject to change up to the release of the Contract Notice.

The Coal Authority (Client) was established by Parliament to undertake specific statutory duties, set out in the Coal Industry Act 1994, associated with licensing coal mining operations; managing property and the historic legacy arising from the ownership of the coal reserves and underground workings; settling subsidence damage claims not falling on coal mine operators and providing access to coalmining information.

The Coal Authority has a legal duty under the Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991, to repair properties damaged by coal mining subsidence in the five coalfield regions.

The Coal Authority employs over 300 people, based mainly at the head office in Mansfield with some field staff remotely based in order to enable a fast response to incidents in the coal mining areas.

The Coal Authority is funded by grant in aid from the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)

The Coal Authority is issuing this Prior Information Notice as part of a wider Market Engagement piece in order to inform interested parties of our need for Site Survey and reporting services.

We are seeking organisations who can enable us to complete 10,000 mine entry inspections per year across the UK Coal Fields.

Requirements for the Inspections follow our standard system of work and involve the utilisation of our own equipment to photograph, record and report on the condition of each mine entrance.

No action is required in response to this Prior Information Notice but if you have any questions about this opportunity please contact Roger Martin, Procurement Business Partner on the email below.

Procurementoperations@coal.gov.uk

Interested parties can register for free ahead of the documents release via the Coal Authorities Tender Portal Inbye at the following address:

<https://inbye.coal.gov.uk/s2c/>

Use of the system is Free of Charge but will require some company information and agreement to terms and conditions to access the system.

Once you have registered you will also then be able to access the Expression of Interest Event which has been raised to allow tracking of interested organisations and some initial market engagement questions.

This Event can be found here

<http://redirect.transaxions.com/events/qpVqV>

As this is a Prior Information Notice there may be changes in the Lot structure or value prior to launch of the Contract Notice.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £250,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71631000 - Technical inspection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

This work will mostly be based over the Coal fields of England Scotland and Wales.

There may be requirements outside of these areas.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Coal Authority is seeking a service provider or service providers who can assist with our requirement to Inspect and record the status of 10,000 mine entries per year over a four year Framework.

This will involve working to a pre planned schedule of inspections. Locations of the Mine Entries are spread through out the UK mostly above the Coal fields with some in remote places. Many Mine Entries are in Residential areas. There are some which would involve liaising with Private Residents via the Coal Authority Community Team.

The typical method for inspection of sites involves the use of a Coal Authority Tablet which will allow for site photographs and note taking to be uploaded to our records.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

2 January 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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

It is intended that this Framework will be launched prior to the Procurement Act 2023 coming into force.