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Tender

WHC - Local Plan Viability Assessment

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

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Scope

Description

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (hereafter “the Council”) wishes to commission a viability assessment for their Local Plan Review. The purpose of this review is to assess the economic viability and feasibility of a revised Local Plan, and to inform policy requirements.

The objective of the required assessment is to determine that the cumulative costs of policies, site requirements and the accompanying package of necessary infrastructure will not undermine the overall deliverability of the Local Plan. The assessment should be robust enough to support the Local Plan Review as part of the evidence base and be relied upon by developers when submitting subsequent planning applications on allocated Local Plan sites.

Whilst not part of this commission, consultants should also be prepared to give evidence at Local Plan Examination, provide expert advice on specific planning applications and to provide expert witness services at planning appeals, as required by the Council. Index linked hourly rates for undertaking such work should be included as part of the tender response.

It is anticipated that the contract will commence on 11th August 2025 and continue until stage 1 services are completed.

Total value (estimated)

- £30,000 excluding VAT
- £36,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 11 August 2025 to 1 August 2026
- 11 months, 22 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis

Submission

Tender submission deadline

25 July 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<http://www.supplyhertfordshire.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Full details are in the tender documents.

Conditions of participation are in the tender documents.

The tenders will be evaluated 30% on price and 70% on quality.

Pricing will be evaluated using the total contract sum in schedule 3, part C and will be subject to the following calculation:

Tenderer Points Scored = Lowest Tenderer Price * 30

Tenderer Price

The price scores and quality scores will be combined to determine the most advantageous tender.

Scores to be awarded for quality are set out in part B of Schedule 3.

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://in-tendorganiser.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire>

All tender documents are available through the web address above.

Contracting authority

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYHY-6394-TBPP

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