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Contract

SBRI COMPETITION - Circular Economy in the Welsh Public Sector - Designing Out Waste & Retaining Value

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SBRI COMPETITION - Circular Economy in the Welsh Public Sector - Designing Out Waste & Retaining Value

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90700000 - Environmental services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To lead the way on climate action in Wales, Welsh Government set the ambition for the public sector in Wales to be net zero by 2030. Delivering services which touch upon so many areas of our life, the public sector has an important role to play in achieving widespread decarbonisation targets. However, this will not be possible without the adoption of circular economy practices. It is critical that the public sector in Wales works with the supply chain to identify cost effective innovative solutions to reduce emissions and enable long term value creation.

Moving to a circular economy is key to the delivery of environmental outcomes. Crucially it also has the potential to improve economic and social outcomes in Wales support value-based healthcare and socially responsible procurement. Aligning with Welsh Government's commitment to reduce our dependency on single-use plastics as quickly as possible, this challenge seeks to deliver sustainable innovations that will address the use of single-use products in the public sector, supporting increased resilience in Welsh supply chains and encouraging green growth and population wellbeing across Wales. Successful applicants, and their public sector partner, will be expected to deliver demonstration and/or scale and spread innovative projects which can evidence the potential benefits, cost effectiveness and sustainability of their solutions.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45262640 - Environmental improvement works
- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 71800000 - Consulting services for water-supply and waste consultancy

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Typically, SBRI challenges do commence with a Phase 1 Feasibility stage, however for this challenge we are looking for demonstrations and real-world trials and therefore will not be supporting a Phase 1. We are seeking to identify and support the delivery of a combination of both Phase 2 & Phase 3 collaborative projects, that can demonstrate the potential and scalability of emerging and near-market solutions:

- Designing out waste - reimagining products used in the public sector so that they are designed from the outset to enable more effective reuse, minimise waste and reduce whole-life costs
- Retaining value for reuse – enabling current 'waste' to be repurposed, extracting the value and enabling them to be reused within Wales to reduce the use of virgin materials and potentially supporting revenue generation.

The key focus will be on demonstrating sustainability of service, affordability and scalability of solutions that can be delivered at pace - doing better but being cash neutral is not sufficient in the current financial climate so financial viability will be key. We are looking to test emerging / near-to market innovations via real-world trials and are not seeking early feasibility/research pieces, at this stage. However, we are seeking rigorous evaluations to create an evidence base for further development and potential scale-up across Wales.

If project applications are seeking to build upon previous trials/small-scale testing, applications must clearly articulate how this funding will help accelerate more wide-spread development, outlining any previous adoption barriers and demonstrating how these will be addressed.

- All projects must include a named public sector collaborator who has committed to their involvement in the project, evidenced by a signed letter of support;
- Funding for public sector collaborator costs should be included as a subcontractor cost in the project applications;
- Projects can include more than one subcontractor however, the involvement and role of each organisation should be clearly specified, and the commitment evidenced, ideally with named individuals stated in the application;
- Multi-sector applications will be welcomed – in particular, applications that demonstrate significant benefits for Local Authorities, NHS & Third Sector organisations.
- Academic partners are also welcomed, particularly if in relation to independent evaluation and meeting any required technical/scientific testing.

Innovative solutions could: -

- Demonstrate the viability, scalability and affordability of new products and services that can reduce the environmental impact of the public sector in Wales
- Promoting better opportunities for recyclable material in both the creation, reuse and disposal of products supplied to the public sector – designing in circularity from the outset.
- Increased recycling and repurposing of public sector waste
- Reduction in collected waste for off-region treatment (reducing carbon footprint).
- A capital reduction as solutions may have either a cost reducing effect or possible revenue generation capability.

-Establishment of local manufacturing partnerships and facilitate access into project partner organisations.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Please see attached brief for further info

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

N/a

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

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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