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Contract

Framework for Site Investigation and Materials Testing Services

Dorset Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04ca0c

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Framework for Site Investigation and Materials Testing Services

Reference number

DN756722

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71510000 - Site-investigation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Dorset Council went out to tender for site investigation and materials testing services in the

delivery of construction/maintenance projects.

The requirements included;

- Field and laboratory testing of civil engineering materials (including but not limited to; bituminous materials, aggregates, concrete), geotechnical site investigation and soils testing which will require factual and interpretative reporting.
- Geo-environmental site investigation and testing which will require factual reporting, interpretative reporting and risk assessment.
- Investigation of existing highways and structures (including but not limited to core sampling of carriageways and structures).
- Provision of specialist advice and representation (on materials, pavement design and geotechnical/geo-environmental matters)

The requirements are primarily for Dorset Highways however other areas of the Council share the requirements.

The Council sought to establish a multi-supplier Framework agreement for provision of the services.

The Framework will also be accessible to Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, who are named in the Tender Notice.

A maximum of 4 suppliers have been awarded on to the Framework Agreement.

During the term of the Framework, call-off orders will be placed by means of direct award or

further competition.

The advertised value of the Framework is estimated is based upon the Councils' estimated

needs over the full Framework term however this may change due to changing needs and circumstances during the Framework term:

This may include expansion of the scope, budget, or duration if additional services are needed or may include reduction of the scope, budget, or duration if circumstances change,

such as reduced funding, lower-than-expected demand, or strategic shifts.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45120000 - Test drilling and boring work
- 71332000 - Geotechnical engineering services
- 71351500 - Ground investigation services
- 71510000 - Site-investigation services
- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK25 - Dorset

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Social value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 55

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-005825](#)

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Framework for Site Investigation and Materials Testing Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 10

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ACS Testing Limited

Poole

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK25 - Dorset

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,000,000

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Jackson Drilling Holdings Limited

Shepton Mallett

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK23 - Somerset

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Leyden Kirby Associates Limited T/A The LK Group

Radcliffe

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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SOCOTEC UK Limited

Burton upon Trent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Dorset Council

Dorchester

Country

United Kingdom