

United Kingdom-Cambridge: Excavation work at archaeological sites

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Contract notice

Works

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: The Homes and Communities Agency

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Town: Cambridge

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Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

National or federal agency/office

I.5. Main activity

Housing and community amenities

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

Northstowe Phase 2 — Archaeology Mitigation (Excavation).

Reference number: HCAP17017

II.1.2. Main CPV code

45112450 Excavation work at archaeological sites

II.1.3. Type of contract

Works

II.1.4. Short description

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) is procuring archaeological investigation and archaeological mitigation works (identify and record/recover) at our Northstowe site; which is a proposed new town development located 10km north-west of Cambridge, UK. The underlying geology is comprised of 3rd and 4th terrace river gravels above Kimmeridge and Ampthill clay formations. The site has been subject to geophysical survey and trial trench evaluation, which has identified numerous sites of archaeological interest. These are predominantly of Iron Age and Roman date, although there is also evidence for Bronze Age activity. Late Saxon and Medieval archaeology has also been identified, but these known sites will not be impacted by the development. Recent adjacent fieldwork has also identified evidence for extensive Saxon settlement and burials.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 4 500 000,00 GBP

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

45112450 Excavation work at archaeological sites

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKH12 Cambridgeshire CC

Main site or place of performance: Cambridgeshire CC.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

A full brief for the works has been prepared by Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Team (CHET), the principal elements are: — Open Area excavation of identified sites; — Strip/map/record area of water-park; — Strip/map/record new access and haulage roads; — Transect investigation of areas where remains not identified in evaluation or geophysical survey; — Post-excavation assessment and analysis leading to the production of an archive report and publication of the excavation results. The Contractor shall prepare a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for the whole of the works which shall include, but not be limited to: — the Contractor's method for surveying and establishing the site grid; — the Contractor's retention and disposal policies for samples and artefacts recovered during the Works; — the Contractor's method for excavating and recording inhumations and cremations; — the Contractor's method for palaeoenvironmental site sampling and processing procedures (to include recovery of samples for chronometric dating); — the Contractor's procedures for liaison with the Principal Contractor on appointment; — the Contractors Methods and Procedures for quality control and assurance; — the Contractors methods for ensuring the quality of work undertaken by subcontractors; and — the Contractor's methods for undertaking post excavation, assessment, analysis and reporting. The WSI shall be issued in draft as part of the Contractor's response to the Invitation to Tender. A revised draft shall be issued within 5 working days of contract award. The WSI shall clearly identify all Standards and Guidance that the Contractor intends to comply with in the delivery of the Works. The finalised WSI will be issued to CHET by the Client for agreement.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Approach to fieldwork (complex sites) / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Approach to fieldwork (publication) / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: CDM regulations / Weighting: 5
Quality criterion - Name: Risk management / Weighting: 5
Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 60

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 4 500 000,00 GBP

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start: 01/08/2016 End: 31/08/2017

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

The Contract will be subject to English law. Tenders and all supporting documents must be priced in GBP and all payments under the contract will be made in GBP.

This procurement and award is subject to the transparency arrangements being adopted by the UK government. These arrangements include the publication of tender documentation issued by the HCA and the Contract between the HCA and developer. Bidders should highlight any areas they consider commercially sensitive in order for the HCA to be able to honour our transparency obligations without undermining the bidders commercial interests.

Candidates are advised that the HCA is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('The Act'). If a candidate considers that any of the information supplied as part of this procurement procedure should not be disclosed because of its commercial sensitivity, confidential or otherwise; they must when providing this information, clearly identify the specific information they do not wish to be disclosed and clearly specify the reasons for its sensitivity. The HCA shall take such statements into consideration in the event that it receives a request pursuant to the Act which relates to the information provided by the interested party. Please note, it is insufficient to include a statement of confidentiality encompassing all the information provided in the response.

The HCA takes a 0-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption and sets high standards of impartiality, integrity and objectivity in relation to the stewardship of public funds and the management of its activities. The principles contained within this policy apply to both internal and external audiences including anyone wishing to undertake business or engage with the HCA. Please refer to our anti-bribery and corruption policy by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/anti-bribery-and-corruption-policy> for further information.

All dates included in this notice are provisional and potentially subject to revision.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

Details of professional activity conditions are included in the Invitation to Tender document.

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Details of economic and financial standing conditions are included in the Invitation to Tender document.

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Details of technical and professional ability conditions are included in the Invitation to Tender document.

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

Details of contract performance conditions are included in the Invitation to Tender document.

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

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.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 29/06/2016 Local time: 13:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 29/06/2016 Local time: 14:00

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3. Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Royal Court of Justice

Postal address: The Strand

Town: London

Postal code: WC2A 2LL

Country: United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 2079476000

Internet address: <http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk>

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

In accordance with Regulation 86 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the HCA will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period starting from the day when contract award was notified to the bidders. Unsuccessful bidders will be provided with an Award Decision Notice. Tenderers have a right to appeal provided for within the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Any such proceedings must be brought in the High Court of England and Wales.

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

23/05/2016