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**United Kingdom-Bristol: Bridge-inspection services
2019/S 092-221133**

Prior information notice

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Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available.
Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: <https://highways.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal agency/office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Avonmouth and Severn Bridges Specialist Bridge Inspection and Maintenance

II.1.2) Main CPV code

71631450

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) **Short description:**

Highways England (HE) is the government company charged with operating, maintaining and improving England's motorways and major A roads. We have a huge road investment programme to deliver and want to engage with suppliers to inform our approach to procuring our larger national infrastructure projects. Supplier feedback and providing the opportunity to influence project and procurement development is extremely important to us; it is imperative that we work collaboratively to achieve the optimum solutions. Highways England intends to use an e-Sourcing portal (Bravo) to communicate and undertake further market engagement activities for the contract. Please register on the portal in order to be involved in market engagement for the Avonmouth and Severn Bridges Specialist Bridge Inspection and Maintenance Contract.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

45221110

63712310

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKK

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

The successful tenderer will be required to provide specialist bridge inspections, routine and cyclic maintenance, defect rectification and some capital works on the M5 Avonmouth, M4 Prince of Wales and M48 Severn Bridges in Highways England South West region in accordance with the Highways England standards and objectives when instructed by Highways England. Additional duties will also include: the provision of traffic management for the purpose of the contractor's maintenance and response activities and where instructed by Highways England; the facilities maintenance of depots associated with the bridges within the South West region. Under the CDM Regulations 2015, the Specialist Bridges Inspection and Maintenance Contractor will be principal contractor for all work they undertake unless instructed otherwise by the Highways England Service Manager.

By issuing this PIN, Highways England wishes to formally make the market aware of potential opportunities in relation to the Avonmouth and Severn Bridges Specialist Bridge Inspection and Maintenance Contract. Applicant companies should note that Highways England may consider amending the duties listed above and may remove or amend these as appropriate during the contract period.

It is envisaged supplier engagement between Highways England and the market, will inform the scope of the competitive tender, listening to what interested parties have to say and using this to shape the contract. It is imperative that we work collaboratively to achieve the optimum solutions.

Collaboration is at the heart of the relationships necessary to deliver at the scale and pace required. Highways England are planning to hold supplier engagement events with an initial Industry day in the week of 10.6.2019 to provide an overview of HE's opportunities available to the market related to the contract.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

The contract is intended to be for 15 years and has an expected total value of between 170 000 000 GBP and 195 000 000 GBP.

II.3) **Estimated date of publication of contract notice:**
16/08/2019

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: yes

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) **Additional information:**

Highways England is committed to ensuring fairness, openness, and transparency. The overarching aim of all the market consultation exercises is for genuine two-way dialogue to take place between Highways England and the market, listening to what interested parties have to say and using this to shape the commercial and procurement strategies which set out the approach to the market.

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is issued solely for the purpose of commencing a market consultation exercise and does not constitute any commitment by Highways England to undertake any public procurement exercise.

Interested parties will not be prejudiced by any response or failure to respond to this PIN. Nor shall a response to this PIN guarantee an invitation to participate in this market consultation exercise or any future procurement process that Highways England may conduct. This PIN does not constitute a call for competition to procure any works or services and is not published to reduce time limited for the receipt of tenders. Highways England is not bound to accept any proposals offered.

Highways England is not liable for any costs, fees or expenses incurred by any party responding to this PIN or any party who may participate in the market consultation exercise. In the event that Highways England decides to proceed with any procurement, it is currently assumed that such procurement will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 unless any legal requirement requires a different procedure to be adopted.

The initial market engagement event will be held in the vicinity of the bridges in the week starting 10th June.

Please register interest in attending by replying to this notice at david.stone@highwaysengland.co.uk

For additional information please visit:

— <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england>

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
10/05/2019