

United Kingdom-Runcorn: Technical inspection and testing services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Halton Housing Trust

Postal address: Daresbury Point, Green Wood Drive, Manor Park

Town: Runcorn

Postal code: WA7 1UG

Country: United Kingdom

For the attention of: Claire Gamble

E-mail: tenders@cirruspurchasing.co.uk**Internet address(es):**General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.haltonhousing.org/>Address of the buyer profile: [https://cirrus-tenders.co.uk/Home.aspx?Link=\[47075fd0-1dbf-4433-97fa-5da8b5606568\]&ClientStyle=1](https://cirrus-tenders.co.uk/Home.aspx?Link=[47075fd0-1dbf-4433-97fa-5da8b5606568]&ClientStyle=1)Electronic access to information: [https://cirrus-tenders.co.uk/Home.aspx?Link=\[47075fd0-1dbf-4433-97fa-5da8b5606568\]&ClientStyle=1](https://cirrus-tenders.co.uk/Home.aspx?Link=[47075fd0-1dbf-4433-97fa-5da8b5606568]&ClientStyle=1)Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: [https://cirrus-tenders.co.uk/Home.aspx?Link=\[47075fd0-1dbf-4433-97fa-5da8b5606568\]&ClientStyle=1](https://cirrus-tenders.co.uk/Home.aspx?Link=[47075fd0-1dbf-4433-97fa-5da8b5606568]&ClientStyle=1)**Additional information can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: the abovementioned address**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

I.3. Main activity

Housing and community amenities

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description**II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Asbestos Surveying & Testing Framework.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 12: Architectural services; engineering services and integrated engineering services; urban planning and landscape engineering services; related scientific and technical consulting services; technical testing and analysis services
Main site or place of performance: Halton and surrounding area as appropriate to meet the operational needs of the Trust.
NUTS code UKD2 Cheshire

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Number Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 5

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 4

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

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Organisation background

Halton Housing Trust (HHT) was formally created on 5.12.2005. The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and registered with Companies House. We are a not for profit housing association, who own and manage 6 400 homes in the Cheshire towns of Widnes and Runcorn.

HHT's vision is to 'deliver high quality and excellent services for all'. Its' mission is to 'provide high quality housing services with a social conscience'. Its' values are based around both customers and employees.

We provide affordable homes for people who may not have the means to buy or rent a home privately, help people who are homeless and provide support to older or disabled people to help them live independently in their own homes.

TENDER INFORMATION

The ITT is issued in accordance with the Open Procedure under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 #102.

HHT is looking to establish a framework of contractors to provide asbestos surveying and testing services across multiple HHT sites. Services are required in the Halton and surrounding area as appropriate to meet the operational needs of the Trust.

Services initially required under the framework are expected to include provision for sampling and testing for asbestos across approximately 3 500 properties over the life of the framework. This is for information only, and no guarantees are given, nor are implied as to the value or quantity of business that will be placed with successful bidders. HHT accepts no liability for any inaccuracies in the estimates provided. HHT reserves the right to add or remove sites or otherwise change the volume of work during the life of the framework.

Full details of the required service can be found in the specification document in the Supporting Information section of the tender.

CALL-OFF CONTRACTS

Call-off contracts will be awarded by HHT in accordance with the rules as defined by Regulation 33 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 #102.

The duration and size of any call-off contract is likely to vary at the discretion of HHT dependent on the needs of the business. Call-off contracts may be awarded on a direct award basis or through the use of mini-competitions. Where mini-competitions are undertaken, HHT reserves the right to amend and refine the relative weightings of elements where appropriate for call-off contracts. Individual weightings of each cost and quality element may range

between:

— Cost elements may be weighted between 10 % and 100 %

— Quality elements may be weighted between 0 % and 90 %

The form of contract to be used at call-off will be the JCT Minor Works contract.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

71630000 Technical inspection and testing services

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

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II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

As per tender documentation.

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

Single lead contractor with nominated subcontractors.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1.

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

List and brief description of conditions: Contracting authorities shall exclude an economic operator from participation in a procurement procedure where they have established, by verifying in accordance with regulations 59, 60 and 61 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 #102, or are otherwise aware, that that economic operator has been convicted of any of the following offences:—

- (a) conspiracy within the meaning of section 1 or 1A of the Criminal Law Act 1977(a) or article 9 or 9A of the Criminal Attempts and Conspiracy (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 (b) where that conspiracy relates to participation in a criminal organisation as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA on the fight against organised crime (c);
- (b) corruption within the meaning of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act 1889(d) or section 1 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1906(e);
- (c) the common law offence of bribery;
- (d) bribery within the meaning of sections 1, 2 or 6 of the Bribery Act 2010(f), or section 113 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(g);
- (e) where the offence relates to fraud affecting the European Communities' financial interests as defined by Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities(h):—
 - (i) the common law offence of cheating the Revenue;
 - (ii) the common law offence of conspiracy to defraud;
 - (iii) fraud or theft within the meaning of the Theft Act 1968(i), the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(j), the Theft Act 1978(k) or the Theft (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(l);
 - (iv) fraudulent trading within the meaning of section 458 of the Companies Act 1985(m), article 451 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(n) or section 993 of the Companies Act 2006(o);
 - (v) fraudulent evasion within the meaning of section 170 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979(p) or section 72 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994(q);
 - (vi) an offence in connection with taxation in the European Union within the meaning of section 71 of the Criminal Justice Act 1993(r);
 - (vii) destroying, defacing or concealing of documents or procuring the execution of a valuable security within the meaning of section 20 of the Theft Act 1968(s) or section 19 of the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(t);
 - (viii) fraud within the meaning of section 2, 3 or 4 of the Fraud Act 2006(u); or
 - (ix) the possession of articles for use in frauds within the meaning of section 6 of the Fraud Act 2006, or the making, adapting, supplying or offering to supply articles for use in frauds within the meaning of section 7 of that Act;
- (f) any offence listed—
 - (i) in section 41 of the Counter Terrorism Act 2008(a); or
 - (ii) in Schedule 2 to that Act where the court has determined that there is a terrorist connection;
- (g) any offence under sections 44 to 46 of the Serious Crime Act 2007(b) which relates to an offence covered by subparagraph (f);
- (h) money laundering within the meaning of sections 340(11) and 415 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002(c);
- (i) an offence in connection with the proceeds of criminal conduct within the meaning of section 93A, 93B or 93C of the Criminal Justice Act 1988(d) or article 45, 46 or 47 of the Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(e);
- (j) an offence under section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc. Act 2004(f);
- (k) an offence under section 59A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003(g);

- (l) an offence under section 71 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009(h);
- (m) an offence in connection with the proceeds of drug trafficking within the meaning of section 49, 50 or 51 of the Drug Trafficking Act 1994(i); or
- (n) any other offence within the meaning of Article 57(1) of the Public Contracts Directive—
 - (i) as defined by the law of any jurisdiction outside England and Wales and Northern Ireland; or
 - (ii) created, after the day on which these Regulations were made, in the law of England and Wales or Northern Ireland.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: As per Invitation to Tender document.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As per Invitation to Tender document.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

As per Invitation to Tender document.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

As per Invitation to Tender document.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 28.9.2015 - 12:00

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

28.9.2015 - 12:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English.

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 28.9.2015 - 12:01

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: HHT staff members and their authorised agents.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 2019.

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

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

VI.3. Additional information

The tender is available for completion online only at www.cirrustenders.co.uk

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: This tender process will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the framework is communicated to tenderers. This period allows successful tenderers to seek further debriefing from Halton Housing Trust before the framework is entered into. Tenderers can raise appeals directly with Halton Housing Trust via the contact points detailed in section I. 1 of this contract notice.

If an appeal regarding the award of the framework has not successfully been resolved between the tenderer and Halton Housing Trust then the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 #102 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

28.8.2015