

United Kingdom-Belfast: Ground investigation work
OJ S 213/2018 06/11/2018
Contract notice
Works

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=1788540>

I.2. Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=1788540>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=1788540>

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://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=1788540>

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5. Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

II.1.2. Main CPV code

45111250 Ground investigation work

II.1.3. Type of contract

Works

II.1.4. Short description

CPD (acting as the Central Purchasing Body) wishes to appoint Economic Operators (EOs) to enter into a Framework Agreement for provision ground investigation works for Public Sector bodies in Northern Ireland. Activities required include, but are not limited to: drilling of boreholes, excavation of trial pits, groundwater monitoring, geotechnical and geo-environmental testing, geophysical investigations and production of factual and interpretative reports. Individual Works Packages pursuant to this Framework will be instructed through the issue of Works Orders(WO). The issuing of a WO will constitute the formation of a contract between an individual Public Sector Contracting Authority and an EO. The value of any single WO will typically range from 2 000 GBP to 40 000 GBP. The value of any single WO will generally be limited to 150 000 GBP. This procurement will be awarded on the basis of MEAT with the Price element assessed using Mean Narrow Average. Details will be provided at ITT Stage.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 6 000 000,00 GBP

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

The number of Lots awarded to any one EO is limited to 3. The same EO will therefore not be appointed for all lots. Lots will be awarded in numerical order (Lot 1, followed by Lot 2 etc.) to the economic operator that submitted the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT). In the event that the same EO submits the MEAT for all four lots, then Lot 4 will be awarded to the EO in second place.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

Lot 1: Northern Area — Causeway Coast and Glens; Mid and East Antrim; Antrim and Newtownabbey.

Lot No: 1

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

45111250 Ground investigation work, 71510000 Site-investigation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKN0 Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance: Ground Investigation Works for Public Sector bodies in Northern Ireland.

II.2.4.

Description of the procurement

CPD (acting as the Central Purchasing Body) wishes to appoint Economic Operators (EOs) to enter into a Framework Agreement for provision ground investigation works for Public Sector bodies in Northern Ireland. Activities required include, but are not limited to: drilling of boreholes, excavation of trial pits, groundwater monitoring, geotechnical and geo-environmental testing, geophysical investigations and production of factual and interpretative reports. Individual Works Packages pursuant to this Framework will be instructed through the issue of Works Orders (WO). The issuing of a WO will constitute the formation of a contract between an individual Public Sector Contracting Authority and an EO. The value of any single WO will typically range from 2 000 GBP to 40 000 GBP. The value of any single WO will generally be limited to 150 000 GBP. This procurement will be awarded on the basis of MEAT with the Price element assessed using Mean Narrow Average. Details will be provided at ITT Stage.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 1 500 000,00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement is expected to become operational in 2019 and expire in 2023. The Agreement may be terminated in relation to any one or more Contractors before the expiry date by written notice in accordance with the Framework Agreement conditions. Should the Framework Agreement operate for its entire 4 year duration, then it is likely that it will require renewal in 2023.

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 6
Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

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

Lot 1: Northern Area — Causeway Coast and Glens; Mid and East Antrim; Antrim and Newtownabbey.

NUTS: UKN04. Estimated value: 375 000 GBP per annum (1 500 000 GBP over 4 year maximum duration).

Ground investigation works pursuant to this agreement will be administered using the NEC3. Engineering and construction short contract conditions.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

Lot 2: Eastern Area — Lisburn and Castlereagh; Belfast
Lot No: 2

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

45111250 Ground investigation work, 71510000 Site-investigation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKN0 Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance: Ground Investigation Works for Public Sector bodies in Northern Ireland.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

CPD (acting as the Central Purchasing Body) wishes to appoint Economic Operators (EOs) to enter into a Framework Agreement for provision ground investigation works for Public Sector bodies in Northern Ireland. Activities required include, but are not limited to: drilling of boreholes, excavation of trial pits, groundwater monitoring, geotechnical and geo-environmental testing, geophysical investigations and production of factual and interpretative reports. Individual Works Packages pursuant to this Framework will be instructed through the issue of Works Orders (WO). The issuing of a WO will constitute the formation of a contract between an individual Public Sector Contracting Authority and an EO. The value of any single WO will typically range from 2 000 GBP to 40 000 GBP. The value of any single WO will generally be limited to 150 000 GBP. This procurement will be awarded on the basis of MEAT with the Price element assessed using Mean Narrow Average. Details will be provided at ITT Stage.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 1 500 000,00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement is expected to become operational in 2019 and expire in 2023. The Agreement may be terminated in relation to any 1 or more Contractors before the Expiry Date by written notice in accordance with the Framework Agreement conditions. Should the Framework Agreement operate for its entire 4 year duration, then it is likely that it will require renewal in 2023.

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 6
Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

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

Lot 2: Eastern Area — Lisburn and Castlereagh; Belfast.

NUTS: UKN01. Estimated value: 375 000 GBP per annum (1 500 000 GBP over 4 year maximum duration). Ground investigation works pursuant to this Agreement will be administered using the NEC3. Engineering and Construction Short Contract conditions.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

Lot 3: Western Area — Mid Ulster; Derry and Strabane; Fermanagh and Omagh
Lot No: 3

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

45111250 Ground investigation work, 71510000 Site-investigation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKN0 Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance: Ground Investigation Works for Public Sector bodies in Northern Ireland.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

CPD (acting as the Central Purchasing Body) wishes to appoint Economic Operators (EOs) to enter into a Framework Agreement for provision ground investigation works for Public Sector bodies in Northern Ireland. Activities required include, but are not limited to: drilling of boreholes, excavation of trial pits, groundwater monitoring, geotechnical and geo-environmental testing, geophysical investigations and production of factual and interpretative reports. Individual Works Packages pursuant to this Framework will be instructed through the issue of Works Orders (WO). The issuing of a WO will constitute the formation of a contract between an individual Public Sector Contracting Authority and an EO. The value of any single WO will typically range from 2 000 GBP to 40 000 GBP. The value of any single WO will generally be limited to 150 000 GBP. This procurement will be awarded on the basis of MEAT with the Price element assessed using Mean Narrow Average. Details will be provided at ITT Stage.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 1 500 000,00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement is expected to become operational in 2019 and expire in 2023. The agreement may be terminated in relation to any one or more Contractors before the expiry date by written notice in accordance with the Framework Agreement conditions. Should the Framework Agreement operate for its entire 4 year duration, then it is likely that it will require renewal in 2023.

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 6
Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

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

Lot 3: Western Area — Mid Ulster; Derry and Strabane; Fermanagh and Omagh.
NUTS: UKN05. Estimated value: 375 000 GBP per annum (1 500 000 GBP over 4 year maximum duration).

Ground investigation works pursuant to this Agreement will be administered using the NEC3. Engineering and construction short contract conditions.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

Lot 4: Southern Area — Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon; Newry, Mourne and Down; North Down and Ards

Lot No: 4

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

45111250 Ground investigation work, 71510000 Site-investigation services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKN0 Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance: Ground Investigation Works for Public Sector bodies in Northern Ireland.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

CPD (acting as the Central Purchasing Body) wishes to appoint Economic Operators (EOs) to enter into a Framework Agreement for provision ground investigation works for Public Sector bodies in Northern Ireland. Activities required include, but are not limited to: drilling of boreholes, excavation of trial pits, groundwater monitoring, geotechnical and geo-environmental testing, geophysical investigations and production of factual and interpretative reports. Individual Works Packages pursuant to this framework will be instructed through the issue of Works Orders (WO). The issuing of a WO will constitute the formation of a contract between an individual Public Sector Contracting Authority and an EO. The value of any single WO will typically range from 2 000 GBP to 40 000 GBP. The value of any single WO will generally be limited to 150 000 GBP. This procurement will be awarded on the basis of MEAT

with the Price element assessed using Mean Narrow Average. Details will be provided at ITT Stage.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 1 500 000,00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement is expected to become operational in 2019 and expire in 2023.

The Agreement may be terminated in relation to any one or more Contractors before the expiry date by written notice in accordance with the Framework Agreement conditions. Should the Framework Agreement operate for its entire 4 year duration, then it is likely that it will require renewal in 2023.

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 6 Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

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

Lot 4: Southern Area — Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon; Newry, Mourne and Down; North Down and Ards.

NUTS: UKN03. Estimated value: 375 000 GBP per annum (1 500 000 GBP over 4 year maximum duration).

Ground investigation works pursuant to this Agreement will be administered using the NEC3. Engineering and construction short contract conditions.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Economic operators in order to be eligible to participate in the procurement, it must have a Constructionline Category Value equal to or greater than 150 000 GBP in at least 1 of the relevant work categories listed below:

(i) civil engineering: ground investigations — ground Investigation works:45111250-5;

(ii) civil engineering: geotechnical works (site investigation work):71510000-6.

The number of Lots awarded to a single economic operator will be limited to a maximum of 3. The value stated above (150 000 GBP) is the minimum value required to be eligible for one lot only. In order to be eligible for multiple lots (2 or 3), the economic operator will be required to have a category value equal to or greater than the required value for 1 lot multiplied by the number of lots (i.e. 300 000 GBP for 2 lots or 450 00 0GBP for 3 Lots).

If the economic operator is a group of economic operators, then the lead enterprise for the group must have a minimum category value of at least 40 % and the sum of each member's category. Values must be equal to or greater than the value set out above.

Minimum category value for lead enterprise (at least 40 % of that of an individual economic operator) — 60 000 GBP — 180,00 GBP depending on the number of Lots awarded.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Public liability insurance [10 000 000 GBP].

Employer's liability insurance [10 000 000 GBP].

Contractors all risks insurance 150 000,00 GBP.

Professional indemnity insurance 1 000 000,00 GBP.

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

The work category is not intended to be used to determine the relevance of the contractor's /consultant's experience — this will be assessed as part of the contract Pre-Qualification Questions (PQQ1) — Section D of the online CfT.Questionnaire on the eTendersNI portal.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Refer to MoI and PQQ Evaluation Scoring indicators procurement documents.

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

The economic operators' performance on this Contract will be regularly monitored. As part of its contract management procedures, the Contracting Authority will use the Protocol for managing poor supplier performance contained in Procurement Guidance Note PGN 01/12 — Contract management principles and procedures: <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/procurement-guidance-note-0112-contract-management-principles-and-procedures>

If an economic operator has received more than 1 current notice of written warning or a notice of unsatisfactory performance, the Contracting Authority, at its discretion can consider an economic operator's exclusion from future procurements, being undertaken on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Public Procurement Policy (NIPP), for a minimum period of 12 months or 3 years respectively. A list of bodies subject to NIPP can be viewed at: <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 4

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: 11/12/2018 Local time: 15:00

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

Date: 11/01/2019

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

English

IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

VI.3. Additional information

Works expected to be procured using this Framework Agreement are likely to include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

- cable percussion boreholes,
- dynamic sampling boreholes,
- rotary drillholes with and without core recovery in both overburden and hard strata,
- trial pit and trenches,
- sampling and monitoring during intrusive investigation,
- probing and cone penetration testing,
- utility GPR surveys, topographical surveys,
- in situ testing,
- groundwater and ground gas standpipes and post works monitoring,
- surveying exploratory hole locations,
- laboratory based geotechnical testing of soils and groundwater for engineering purposes,
- laboratory based environmental testing of soils, leachates and groundwater,
- provision of full factual and interpretative reports,
- provision of PRA, GQRA, DQRA, remediation strategies and verification reports as per CLR11, and
- procurement and management of specialists such as bore well contractors, specialist probing and geophysical surveying.

The list above is only a short form description of the works. The Contractor shall provide the works in accordance with the works information. The investigations may be for schemes associated with infrastructure development, buildings, structures, roads, railways, water supply, sewerage schemes and land contamination.

CPD, in its capacity as a Central Purchasing Body, is administering this procurement on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right:

- (i) to award 1, some, all or no lots;

(ii) not to award any contract/Framework Agreement as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice or to cancel the procurement at any stage; and
(iii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by economic operators or candidates. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly at the sole risk of the economic operator or candidate participating in this procurement process. This project will be used to progress the Government's wider social, economic and environmental objectives.

Whilst it is the Central Purchasing Body's intention to deliver a reasonable number of investigations using this Framework Agreement, no business whatsoever is guaranteed under any resulting Framework Agreement or contract indeed there is no guarantee that any Framework Agreement. Or contract will be put in place in relation to this notice. No compensation etc. will be paid if a contract or Framework Agreement is withdrawn for any reason. Economic operators should take part in this process only on the basis that they fully understand and accept this position.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Department of finance, construction and procurement delivery, procurement operations branch

Town: Belfast

Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

This procurement is governed by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and provides for economic operators who have suffered, or who risk suffering, loss, or damage, as a consequence of an alleged breach of the duty owed in accordance with Regulation 91 to start proceedings in the High Court. A standstill period will commence at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. Any proceedings relating to any perceived non-compliance with the relevant law must be started within 30 days, beginning with the date when the economic operator first knew, or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen (a court may extend the time-limit to 3 months, where the court considers that there is a good reason for doing so).

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

02/11/2018