

United Kingdom-Coventry: Railway and tramway passenger coaches, and trolleybuses

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Periodic indicative notice – utilities

Works

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Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/25/EU

Section I: Contracting entity

I.1. Name and addresses

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Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

I.6. Main activity

Recreation, culture and religion

Section II: Object

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

Coventry City Council Joint Venture — Very Light Rail

Reference number: COV-8346

II.1.2. Main CPV code

34622000 Railway and tramway passenger coaches, and trolleybuses

II.1.3. Type of contract

Works

II.1.4. Short description

Coventry City Council ('CCC') is seeking a private sector partner ('PSP') with whom to establish a joint venture ('JVCo') for the delivery of a very light rail programme, comprising a state of the art vehicle and innovative track system in Coventry (the 'Project'). The purpose of the JVCo is to:

(a) take ownership of the Project;

(b) develop the business case;

(c) engage in the research and development activities required to implement the Project;

(d) secure all planning and statutory consents;

(e) fund and execute the Project through to completion of the route(s).

The Project is expected to generate significant commercial opportunity nationwide and globally (via product purchase or licence arrangements). CCC is planning to host a bidders' conference on 14.11.2019 for the purpose of information gathering and engaging with potential PSPs around this exciting opportunity. Information from the conference will be used to inform what delivery structure is most likely to add value to the Project.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

34622200 Railway passenger coaches, 34622400 Railway carriages, 34630000 Parts of railway or tramway locomotives or rolling stock; railways traffic-control equipment, 34632000 Railways traffic-control equipment, 34632200 Electrical signalling equipment for railways, 34632300 Electrical installations for railways, 34000000 Transport equipment and auxiliary products to transportation, 34600000 Railway and tramway locomotives and rolling stock and associated parts, 34610000 Rail locomotives and tenders, 34622100 Tramway passenger coaches, 34622300 Trolleybuses, 34631000 Parts of locomotives or rolling stock, 34632100 Mechanical signalling, 34640000 Automotive elements, 34900000 Miscellaneous transport equipment and spare parts, 34940000 Railway equipment, 34941000 Rails and accessories, 34942000 Signalling equipment, 34943000 Train-monitoring system, 34945000 Track-alignment machinery, 34946000 Railway-track construction materials and supplies, 34990000 Control, safety, signalling and light equipment, 45000000 Construction work, 45100000 Site preparation work, 45200000 Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work , 45214620 Research and testing facilities construction work, 45220000 Engineering works and construction works, 45223000 Structures construction work, 45223200 Structural works, 45234000 Construction work for railways and cable transport systems, 45234100 Railway construction works, 45234110 Intercity railway works, 45234111 City railway construction work , 45234115 Railway signalling works, 45234120 Urban railway works, 45234121 Tramway works, 45234126 Tramline construction works, 45234127 Tramway depot construction work, 45234128 Tramway platforms construction work, 45234129 Urban railway track construction works, 60000000 Transport services (excl. Waste transport), 60100000 Road transport services, 60200000 Railway transport services, 60210000 Public transport services by railways , 71300000 Engineering services, 71310000 Consultative engineering and construction services, 71320000 Engineering design services, 71330000 Miscellaneous engineering services, 71400000 Urban planning and landscape architectural services, 71500000 Construction-related services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKG3 West Midlands

Main site or place of performance: West Midlands.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The Project aims to bring together the latest innovations in the automotive sector and apply them to the light rail sector to create an affordable 'Very Light Rail' system ('VLR'). The hope is that VLR is capable of being deployed in Coventry and across the wider region. To date CCC

has committed a significant degree of funding and resource into the R&D phase of the Project including procuring the development of a demonstrator vehicle and a provider to carry out track design. CCC now wishes to build on this investment and progress to implement the Project.

To achieve this, CCC envisages establishing a JVCo with a PSP. The JVCo will take responsibility for driving the Project forward including:

- (a) completing all outstanding R&D activities;
- b) devising the business case for the first route in the Coventry region;
- (c) procuring the necessary planning and statutory consents for the first route; and
- (d) completing the design, construction and operation of the first route of the Project. CCC envisages providing the JVCo with:

- (a) the outputs of the R&D activities completed to date;
- (b) IP rights in relation to the intellectual property owned by the Council in connection with the Project; and

(c) an agreed proportion of funding to carry out the JV activities (with the terms and structure of such funding being agreed as part of the procurement process). CCC also envisages providing the JVCo with the exclusive right to operate the VLR system in Coventry and will work with the PSP to expand the business of the JVCo to other regions of the UK.

It is envisaged that the PSP will provide resources, funding and expertise to the JVCo in order to successfully carry out the activities set out above. The exact detail of the PSP's contributions will be established during the procurement process. CCC anticipates commencing a formal competitive dialogue process (under the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016) in December 2019. Prior to commencing the process, CCC is keen to engage with the market via a soft market testing exercise to discuss this exciting opportunity and, in particular, to take soundings on the structure of the JVCo; relevant contributions by each party; timing for incorporation of the JVCo; interplay with the various phases of the Project and terms for the overarching and operating commercial model.

CCC encourages potential bidders to attend the bidders' conference on 14.11.2019 to provide open and constructive comments about the Project and thoughts on how best to draw in private sector expertise. Should any potential bidders be minded to collaborate with other private sector partners (whether in the capacity of investors and/or key sub-contractors/supply chain) then CCC would encourage a combined level of representation at the conference. CCC asks that senior members of each organisation are available at the bidder's conference to enable informed and constructive conversations to take place. CCC will have available senior Directors to respond accordingly.

The feedback and comments from the bidder's conference will be recorded and shared with the internal CCC Project leadership team. The information will be used to inform whether the proposed JVCo is the most appropriate means to capture PSP added value and, if so, what is the optimal timing for its incorporation. Whilst respecting the commercial confidentiality of any discussions had with the potential PSP bidders, CCC will share with the market the general conclusions drawn from this engagement process and what decisions the process has influenced.

The webinar will be held on 4 November at 10. a.m. Please register via <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/597358110511>

The bidders' conference will be held on 14.11.2019 at Pinsent Masons LLP, 55 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2FG and interested parties are invited to register their interest and book their meeting slot via the following Webinar link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5973581105113005581>

II.2.14. Additional information

II.3. Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31/12/2019

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: no

IV.2. Administrative information

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

The VLR programme is a research and development Project, using the latest automotive expertise to deliver an innovative and affordable light rail system. VLR will use a state of the art rail system which will be cheaper, quieter and more environmentally friendly than anything currently available. The vehicles will be self propelled and battery operated using rapid charging solution, which will mean they will not require overhead cables, and will have the capability to operate autonomously without a driver.

A briefing document has been prepared by CCC which sets out further information about the nature of the VLR programme. To obtain the briefing document, and to register your interest in the Project, please contact Rob Amor (see contact details in Section I of this notice).

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

25/10/2019