Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport

Procurement Title

Application of Surface Treatments to Carriageway and Footway.

Procurement Option

OJEU - Works Open tender.

New or Existing Provision

Existing. The current contract for Surface Dressing will expire on 31st March 2019.

Estimated Annual Contract Value and Funding Arrangements

The estimated annual value is £5.5m of which £4.5m is based on the council's current spend, £0.5m is based on the spend figure provided by Blackburn with Darwen Council and £0.5m is based on spend figure provided by Blackpool Council.

The estimated total value over the duration of the contract period including extensions is £44,000,000.

There is no guarantee of any works, this is subject to network condition, the type of treatments and budget availability.

The work will be funded by the relevant authority's capital budget.

Contract Duration

The Contract will be let for an initial period of four years with an option to extend the contract by a maximum of a further four years (in two year periods (4+2+2)), provided that the total contract period does not exceed a maximum of eight years.

Lotting

The contract will not be lotted as there is a need for consistent quality of works, design, efficiency in planning and supervision and standardisation of pricing across Lancashire.

Evaluation

The industry standard PAS91 Selection Questionnaire will be issued to all suppliers who express an interest to supply;

Part 1 will gather basic information about the supplier,

Part 2 will establish if there are grounds for exclusion and

Part 3 will determine that the supplier meets the selection criteria in respect of their financial standing, technical capacity and the ability.

The weighting for the project specific questions is:

5% of the Quality Criteria weighting will be allocated to evaluate Social Value.

The reason for a higher weighting being applied against the financial criteria is due to quality aspects being evaluated as part of the PAS91 Selection Questionnaire.

Contract Detail

The scope of the new contract will include design and installation of surface dressing, micro-asphalt, slurry sealing and associated road markings across the greater Lancashire communities to include Blackburn with Darwen Council and Blackpool Council.

The contract start date is 7th January 2019 and will allow for the design and planning of works in advance of the application of the surface treatments which are due to commence in April/May 2019.

A single contractor will be appointed and the contract will be issued using the industry standard NEC terms and conditions of contract which will include clauses to terminate through convenience or poor service. Commitment to use the contract is subject to funding.

The contract will be reviewed annually. The Price Adjustment Formulae Indices Series 4 – Highways Maintenance issued by the Building Cost Information Service (BCIS), part of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RCIS) will be used to cap the maximum increase, there will be no cap on price decreases. Benchmarking with other Authorities will also be undertaken.

Leader of the County Council

Procurement Title

Mechanical & Electrical Works Partnering Framework

Procurement Option

OJEU - Restricted Procedure

New or Existing Provision

Existing provision. Current contractual arrangements are due to expire on the 28 February 2019.

Estimated Annual Contract Value and Funding Arrangements

Approximately £2,500,000 to £3,000,000 per annum

Up to £12,000,000 total framework value

The value of this Framework Agreement may fluctuate and will be subject to works and repairs being undertaken over the contract period.

The new framework value has been set to provide flexibility over the four year term of the Agreement. There is no commitment, or guarantee of the value of work and/or number of orders to be placed with any provider awarded a place on the framework.

The work will be financed by a mixture of both capital and revenue funding.

Contract Duration

The Framework Agreement will be let for an initial period of two years from the 01 March 2019 to 28 February 2021, with an option to extend the framework beyond the initial term by a maximum of a further two years until 28 February 2023.

Lots

The Framework will be lotted as follows:

- Lot 1 Mechanical works
- Lot 2 Electrical works

It is envisaged that a maximum of 5 providers will be appointed to each lot.

Evaluation

The Framework will be established by evaluating suppliers against the following criteria:

Quality Criteria 70%	Financial Criteria 30%

Of the 70% quality criteria, 10% will be allocated to social value.

Contract Detail

The Framework Agreement will be used by the Design & Construction service to deliver mechanical and electrical works, primarily at Schools/Academies and other Council buildings. The scope of the work includes direct engineering projects such as school boiler refurbishments, electrical rewires, installation of electrical fittings and equipment.

The majority of contracts let under the framework will be allocated to providers on a rotational basis. In instances where it is considered beneficial to conduct a direct award, the council reserves the right to do so in accordance with the published criteria set out within the invitation to tender documentation.

Leader of the County Council

Procurement Title

Provision of Construction Works Over £100,000

Procurement Option

OJEU - Restricted Procedure

New or Existing Provision

Existing provision. Current contractual arrangements are due to expire on the 31 January 2019

Estimated Annual Contract Value and Funding Arrangements

Approximately £8,000,000 to £10,000,000 per annum

Up to £40,000,000 total framework value

The value of the Framework Agreement may fluctuate and is subject to works and repairs being undertaken over the contract period.

The new Framework Agreement value has been set to provide flexibility over the four year term. There is no commitment, or guarantee of the value of work and/or number of orders to be placed with any provider awarded a place on the Framework.

The work will be financed by a mixture of both capital and revenue funding.

Contract Duration

The Framework Agreement will be let for an initial period of two years from the 01 February 2019 to 31 January 2021, with an option to extend the framework beyond the initial term by a maximum of a further two years until 31 January 2023.

Lots

This Framework will be divided into eight Lots.

- Lot 1 Building;
- Lot 2 Mechanical;
- Lot 3 Electrical:
- Lot 4 Roofing:
- Lot 5 Demolition:
- Lot 6 Landscaping;
- Lot 7 Windows;
- Lot 8 Fire and Flood Damage Repairs.

It is envisaged that a maximum of ten providers will be appointed to each lot.

Evaluation

The Framework will be established by evaluating suppliers against the following criteria:

Stage 1: mandatory and discretionary grounds to ascertain suppliers' financial, technical capability and ability to demonstrate their experience in operating in compliance with Industry standards.

Stage 2: Evaluation will be based on 100% project-specific questions (Quality Criteria) and will be based on project specific questions for each Lot. This will determine the suppliers' ability to meet the specific requirements for each Lot. The project specific questions will include social value, at 10% of the overall weighting.

Price will evaluated and considered as part of each further competition under the Framework.

Contract Detail

The Framework Agreement will be used by the Design & Construction service to deliver works (as outlined within the description of each of the Lots), primarily at School/Academies and other Council buildings.

Works will be awarded to suppliers within each Lot following a further competition process with award being made on the basis of lowest price.

Leader of the County Council

Procurement Title

Supply of CYP Agency Residential Services – Block Purchasing Agreement

Procurement Option

OJEU – Open Tender

New or Existing Provision

New arrangements for securing residential services for Children and Young People. Currently these placements are sourced via the CYP Agency Flexible Agreement.

Estimated Contract Value and Funding Arrangements

Approximately £4,000,000 per annum funded from within the existing Childrens Agency Residential budget provision.

Up to £20,000,000 total value of contract.

Contract Duration

Initial period of 2 years with the option to extend the contract beyond the initial term by a maximum of a further 3 years.

Lotting

This service will be divided into 3 block contracts to ensure this opportunity is available to a number of potential suppliers as well as sharing the risk (ie if one provider can't provide a placement due to compatibility, another one may). Tenderers will be restricted to winning one block contract.

Evaluation

A social value question will be included within the Quality criteria with a weighting of 10%.

Contract Detail

The numbers of children looked after (CLA) across the North West are at unprecedented levels. This, coupled with plateauing use of fostering, has led to a significant increase in the use of agency children's home placements through the CYP Flexible Agreement. It can be challenging to find suitable, local children's home placements to meet need, particularly for our most complex CLA. However, there is also a pressing need to ensure that we have sufficient local provision available to meet need. LCC has 190 CLA (excluding SEND) in a children's home placement at any one time, with 75% placed in agency provision.

The CYP residential placement providers currently have an advantage over the Council in that placements for CYP in appropriate environments are difficult to source.

Provider engagement has identified that the only way to guarantee exclusivity of use would be to block purchase placements. Whilst a small number of providers indicated that they would not wish to enter into such an arrangement (as current market conditions support a continuation of the status quo), the majority indicated that they may be interested, particularly if the risk was shared across a number of providers.

As this would be an untested model in Lancashire, it is recommended that:

- only half of LCC's predictable need for agency children's home placements is block purchased initially, from up to 3 providers;
- each provider is contracted to provide a mix of both complex and mainstream placements in order to support robust step down arrangements;
- strict contract monitoring and challenge arrangements are established to ensure that block purchasing arrangements are maximised.

Each of the 3 Lots will include the following service provision:

- 1 Solo Placement
- 3 Complex Placements
- 4 Mainstream Placements
- Total of 24 placement available.

It is intended that new referrals are shared with the 3 appointed providers and a placement is chosen from the offers received following a review undertaken by the social worker.

The success of this service will depend on establishing an excellent collaborative working relationship between the Council and the successful organisations to ensure maximum usage of this guaranteed purchase. The quality criteria will enable tenders to be evaluated against criteria designed to test this area of provider's bids.

The Authority intends to include a mechanism to increase the number of placements purchased under the block contracts if the project proves successful or there is a need to support greater demand. There would also exist the ability to decrease the number of placements purchased if demand decreases or performance is poor. Where such changes fall within existing budgets and the scope of the established contracts it is proposed that the decision to modify the contract will be taken by the Head of Service.

The contracts are expected to commence in July 2019.