

Procurement Title

Mechanical and Electrical Design Consultancy Services

Procurement Option

Open Tender Procedure compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

New or Existing Provision

New contract for a continuing requirement for Mechanical and Electrical Design Consultancy Services across Lancashire.

Estimated Annual Contract Value and Funding Arrangements

The total estimated annual value for the Framework is £500,000 with a total estimated spend over the four-year period of the Framework Agreement of £2,000,000.

There is no commitment or guarantee of value of work or number of orders to be placed with any providers on the framework agreement.

The service provided through this framework will form part of individual capital projects and be funded from their approved budget allocations in the capital programme. Any service using this framework not linked to an approved capital project will be funded from revenue repair and maintenance budgets.

Contract Duration

The framework agreement will be advertised on the basis of an initial period of two years with an option to extend for 1 + 1 years. The framework will therefore not exceed a maximum aggregate duration of 4 years pursuant to the constraints mandated in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Evaluation

Stage 1 (Selection Stage):

The tender will be evaluated using the Standard Selection Questionnaire which is compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The Selection Questionnaire will evaluate suppliers against the following criteria: mandatory and discretionary grounds, economic and financial standing, technical capability questions, relevant experience, Health and Safety and Quality Assurance. Each tenderer must pass this stage in order to proceed to the award stage.

Stage 2 (Award Stage):

The evaluation will be based on 70% Quality Criteria and 30% Price.

The Quality criteria will consist of technical questionnaire which will include social value and environmental awareness and commitment to quality including personnel and contract management.

The Price evaluation will be of submitted rates for the service required as part of the contract.

The scores awarded for the Quality and Price criterion will be added together to give the Tenderer's overall score, which will be used to rank the suppliers to select the top six suppliers for the Framework.

Background

It is the Authority's objective to provide public buildings that are constructed to good standards, fit for purpose and representing good value for money.

This framework is to engage up to six (6) Mechanical and Electrical Consultants for the design and delivery of Mechanical and or Electrical Building Services projects (Acting as Lead Consultant), or to be part of a design team on a multi-disciplinary project as part of a design team (Consultant).

The projects the Mechanical and Electrical Consultant will be engaged in will predominantly be direct engineering projects, which consist of boiler/ASHP replacements installations and heating replacements for the condition led works over summer periods or rewires, fire alarm and emergency lighting (details of actual M or E scope of works, as detailed in the mini comp tender package) starting in the summer holiday periods. Here they will be the Lead Consultant, designing the scheme and project managing on site.

The Mechanical and Electrical Consultant may also be engaged in larger projects where they are brought in to form part of a multidisciplinary team.

All consultants listed on the Framework will be invited to bid, via a mini competition, for future consultancy projects.

Procurement Title

Reactive & planned improvement works (Asset Management Service)

Procurement Option

Open Tender Procedure compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015

New or Existing Provision

Re-tendering an existing provision

Estimated Annual Contract Value and Funding Arrangements

The total estimated annual value of the Framework Agreement is between £20m – £30m, with a total estimated spend over the four-year period of the Framework of £80m - £120m. The value of this agreement may fluctuate over the four-year term.

The service provided through this framework will form part of individual capital projects and be funded from their approved budget allocations in the capital programme. Any service using this framework not linked to an approved capital project will be funded from revenue repair and maintenance budget.

There is no commitment or guarantee of the value of work and/or number of orders to be placed with successful tenderers.

Contract Duration

The agreement will be let for an initial period of two years from August 2024, with an option to extend the framework beyond the initial term by a maximum of a further two years.

Lots

This agreement will be divided into the following main trade lots. Where required, trade lots have been divided into further lots based on the type or value of the future mini competitions:

Lot 1 – Building contractors for reactive and planned improvement works up to £25,000

Lot 2 – Building contractors for planned improvement works from £25,000 to £250,000

Lot 3 – Building contractors for planned improvement works from £250,000 to £500,000

Lot 4 – Plumbing, small scale domestic mechanical building services, reactive works and planned improvement works up to £25,000

Lot 5 – Mechanical services planned improvement works from £25,000 to £175,000

Lot 6 – Mechanical services planned improvement works from £175,000

Lot 7 – Small scale electrical building services reactive works and planned improvement works, up to £25,000

Lot 8 – Electrical services planned improvement works from £25,000 to £175,000

Lot 9 – Electrical services planned improvement works from £175,000

Lot 10 – Fencing & gates (no value limit)

Lot 11 – Flooring (no value limit)

Lot 12 – Roofing & guttering (no value limit)

Lot 13 – Painting and decorators (interior & exterior) (no value limit)

Lot 14 – Windows and doors (no value limit)

Lot 15 – Pest control (no value limit)

Lot 16 – Drainage (no value limit)
 Lot 17 – Demountable accommodation temporary and permanent (no value limit)
 Lot 18 – Building contractors for heritage building works (no value limit)

Evaluation

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

Stage 1 (Selection Stage): The tender will be evaluated using the Standard Selection Questionnaire which is compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The Selection Questionnaire will evaluate against the following criteria: mandatory and discretionary grounds to ascertain suppliers' financial, technical capability and ability to demonstrate their experience in operating in compliance with industry standards. Each tenderer must pass this stage before proceeding to stage 2.

Stage 2 (Award Stage): the tender bids, with the exception of low risk works or services, will be evaluated on:

- Quality: 60% - 80%
- Price: 20% - 40%

Quality / Price ratios will be selected for each Lot, within these parameters, based on the value and technical requirements of the services required.

All service providers successfully included on one or more lots under the agreement will be invited to tender for all future mini competitions for their respective lots. Each mini competition will be evaluated based on the risk of the works or services to be performed:

- Low risk works or services:
 - Quality: Pass/Fail
 - Price: 100%
- Medium risk works or services:
 - Quality: between 20% to 40%
 - Price: between 60% to 80%

All works determined as high risk will be contracted under the respective Construction, Mechanical and Electrical Partnering Agreements or tendered separately.

Contract Detail

The agreement will be used by the Asset Management Service to deliver the future reactive repairs and maintenance services, improvement and demountable accommodation works across the county council.

The agreement will be setup to:

- Encourage a wide range of contractors, including micro enterprises and Small and Medium Enterprises,
- Split by trade categories to encourage specialist contractors,

- No limit to the number of contractors to be accepted, ensuring competition during peak work periods, such as summer months,
- All works and services to be tendered via a mini-competition (no direct award) All successful contractors within a lot invited to all mini-competitions

A mini competition will be conducted for each works or service and may include electronic auctions or electronic catalogues.

The agreement will also be made available to non-county council public organisations to access, such as borough councils, Police, Fire Service, NHS, and University's within the North West.

Procurement Title:

Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) Bus Services and Traffic Light Priority System

Procurement Option:

Open Tender Procedure compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

New or Existing Provision:

New service provision

Estimated Annual Contract Value and Funding Arrangements:

Lancashire's Levelling Up Fund (LUF) and Bus Service Improvement Program (BSIP) will fund the provision of a Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) System. This incorporates next bus information displays on street, a back-office system, and a service to provide bus priority at traffic signal junctions. The initial roll out being focused in East Lancashire.

The minimum contract value is estimated to be £3m over a potential 6-year period, with a maximum of £6m as funding streams arise in the future, for example developer contributions, via Section 106/278 agreements. The LUF funding element is contingent on the Council submitting a successful full business case to the Department of Transport later this year.

This contract will allow Blackpool Unitary Council and Blackburn with Darwen Unitary Council to use this contract to purchase their own RTPI infrastructure and the costings are reflected in the potential highest total value.

The ongoing maintenance and service after the implementation stage will need to be covered from revenue budgets in the longer term. The initial warranty maintenance in the period following installation can be met from the grant funding where the conditions of the grant allow for this.

Contract Duration:

The Contract will be awarded for an initial period of four-years commencing on the successful LUF funding application. Two one-year options are available to extend this agreement.

Lots:

To ensure a seamless solution that maximises the councils' buying power and systems efficiencies, a single supplier will support all councils in Lancashire to deliver a joined-up transport solution.

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

Stage 1: The tender will be evaluated using the Standard Selection Questionnaire which is compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The Selection Questionnaire will evaluate against the following criteria: mandatory and discretionary grounds to ascertain suppliers' financial, technical capability and ability

to demonstrate their experience in operating in compliance with industry standards. Each tenderer must pass this stage before proceeding to stage 2.

Stage 2: the tenders will be evaluated based on

- 60% technical and quality proposal
- 10% social value commitment
- 30% whole contract life costing

The highest scoring tenderer will be awarded the contract (only if grant funding approved).

Contract Detail

A Real-Time Passenger Information System (RTPI) uses a variety of technologies to track the locations of buses in real time and uses this information to generate predictions of bus arrivals at stops along the route.

Lancashire is committed to promoting bus travel across the County. It is currently developing a technology-based approach for network management including the deployment of intelligent bus priority at key signalised junctions and the provision of a Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) system to support local bus services and improve the customer experience. A new RTPI system is a key component of the Lancashire Future Mobility Platform (see below) and was central to the Bus Theme in the recent East Lancashire LUF Application, as well as supporting the Council's broader policies for promoting sustainable transport, digitalisation, and carbon reduction.

The Council is seeking to appoint an RTPI system provider to enable the countywide processing and publishing of bus arrival times and predictions to digital displays at bus stops, interchanges, and bus stations via web-based information services and applications. Facilities for visually impaired people will also be included in the specification. The successful system provider will be responsible for the supply, installation, and maintenance of a central RTPI system, on street RTPI displays and associated communications for the course of the contract. In addition, the Council requires the system provider to design, supply, install and maintain a Traffic Light Priority system for buses at junctions and for bus services as specified by the Council.

The contract will run for a period of 4 years, with options to extend for two further periods of 12 months each. The initial contract term will enable the Council to fulfil its anticipated commitments under the East Lancashire LUF, the BSIP and TCF programmes and allow for the rollout of RTPI services, displays and Traffic Light Priority in line with future investment approvals, schemes, and initiatives.

A procurement exercise will be conducted with the award of the whole contract potential being subject to receipt of future funding approval. The grant application (Levelling Up Fund) will be submitted in June 2024 for confirmation by October 2024. The Council intends to demonstrate its commitment to the programme of works and thus strengthen its funding bid by seeking Cabinet's approval to proceed with this

procurement exercise. Tenderers will be advised that award of the contract is contingent on the Council being successful in its bid for government funding.

Procurement Title

Lancashire Domestic Abuse – Support in Safe Accommodation and Outreach Services

Procurement Option

Above Threshold - Open Tender Procedure compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

New or Existing Provision

This is an existing service with a contract end date of 21 December 2024

Estimated Contract Value and Funding Arrangements

Estimated spend for Year 1: up to £3,500,000

The overall annual budget for 2024/25 is £3,500,000, breakdown of funding streams as follows:

Public Health Grant funded contract value

Year 1: up to £901,433

The Provider may receive, at the sole discretion of the Authority, an annual uplift to the price for this element, in line with the percentage rate applied to the funding for the Services under the Public Health Grant, excluding any increases in the Public Health Grant for specific purposes and/or services not included in the Contract.

This provides a potential value of up to £1,035,463 per annum and up to £7,736,972 for the 8 year term. To clarify, this value may change if the Public Health Grant uplift varies from 2%.

Domestic Abuse Duty Additional Grant for recommissioning

Value of up to £2,598,567 per annum

The Provider may receive, at the sole discretion of the Authority, an annual uplift for this element of the funding in line with the percentage rate applied to the funding for the Services under the Domestic Abuse Duty Additional Grant estimated at 2% for the purposes of calculating the maximum total contract value.

This element of the funding is currently provided to the Authority through a ring-fenced grant. It is anticipated that it will be incorporated into the Revenue Support Grant settlement in future years.

Potential total value of up to £20,788,536 over the 8 year contract term.

The contract will operate with open book arrangements in place to allow for transparent financial scrutiny and performance monitoring.

Please note figures provided are projected for 2024/25 onwards to provide an estimate of potential contract values for this Service.

Contract Duration

Initial period of three years with a right to extend the contract for up to five years beyond the initial term by any number of defined periods as long as the total contract term does not exceed eight years.

The contract duration reflects the high cost and effort involved to implement the contract in the event a new provider is appointed through a competitive exercise. The recommended contract duration also provides a greater degree of stability which is beneficial for the vulnerable services users and allows the successful provider to commit to and deliver their service proposal. This stability is also intended to improve staff retention and improve quality of service.

Lotting

Delivery of the Lancashire Domestic Abuse – Support in Safe Accommodation and Outreach Services will be offered as a single countywide contract through a single lot. Service provision will be equitable and consistent across the county. The provider awarded the contract will be permitted to sub-contract the services or operate as a consortium.

Evaluation

The tender will be evaluated using the Standard Selection Questionnaire which is compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The Selection Questionnaire will evaluate suppliers against the following criteria: mandatory and discretionary grounds, economic and financial standing, technical capability questions, relevant experience, Health and Safety and Quality Assurance. Each tenderer must pass this stage in order to proceed to the award stage.

At the award stage the bids will be evaluated on the following basis:

Quality Criteria 60%	Financial Criteria 40%
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10% of the criteria will be assigned to the evaluation of Social Value.

Contract Detail

The proposed Lancashire Domestic Abuse Support in Safe Accommodation and Outreach Services specification:

- brings all the current safe accommodation arrangements into one contract across the whole of the Lancashire County Council area. The county wide approach recognises the higher availability (lower cost) of accommodation in the east of the county, whilst ensuring standardised baseline and processes across the county.
- wraps a wider preventative element into the contract through provision of adult community outreach (step-up/step-down from supported accommodation) - highly valued by key stakeholders, and particularly by district council housing teams. This will be known as Safe at Home Community Outreach.
- provides preventive community-based provision for children who have experienced domestic abuse, recognising that children experiencing or having

experienced domestic abuse are required to be supported as victims in their own right (Domestic Abuse Act – Part 1).

- allows a lead provider / consortia approach, with the possibility to subcontract to ensure the specialisms required by all victims of domestic abuse can be met. E.g. 'by-and-for' services should be designed and delivered by the people they serve, whilst also looking to sustain appropriate local provision.
- proposes an 8 year contract to provide stability, enhancing staff retention and quality of service.

The service is intended to commence before 21 December 2024.