

Procurement Title

Dynamic Purchasing System for the supply of Asphalt, Aggregates and Concrete

Procurement Option

Above Threshold Open Tender.

New or Existing Provision

To replace existing council frameworks.

Estimated Annual Dynamic Purchasing System Value and Funding Arrangements

The estimated annual value is £9.8m which will be funded by existing Capital and Revenue budgets.

Dynamic Purchasing System Duration

The initial period of the Dynamic Purchasing System is two years with an option to extend for further periods up to a maximum duration of 10 years.

Categories

There are three individual categories:

Category 1 – Asphalt

Category 2 – Aggregates

Category 3 – Concrete

Evaluation

There are two stages of evaluation for the multi-supplier Dynamic Purchasing System:

Stage One:

Potential suppliers must complete the Standard Selection Questionnaire, which is used to gather information about the supplier, to establish if there are grounds for mandatory and discretionary exclusion, ascertain economic and financial standing and technical and professional ability to meet the council's requirements. Suppliers must pass this stage in order to be appointed to any of the individual Lots within the Dynamic Purchasing System.

Stage Two:

All suppliers appointed to each individual category are invited to participate in mini-competitions to win contracts to supply materials as and when there is a requirement. The relevant award criteria will be selected from the following and will be clearly stated in the mini-competition documents:

- 1) Price (100%)
- 2) Price (100%) and Quality (Pass / Fail)
- 3) Price and Quality from one of the following options:

Criterion	Weighting (1)	Weighting (2)	Weighting (3)
Price	80%	70%	60%
Quality	20%	30%	40%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Due to the nature of the supply base (many small and medium sized enterprises) and the value of the individual contracts, social value is unlikely to be incorporated into the evaluation.

Contract Detail

Asphalt, aggregates and concrete are currently purchased via individual frameworks with multiple suppliers appointed to each one, in some cases the same supplier is appointed to all three. Replacing these and combining them under a single Dynamic Purchasing System will reduce the large administrative burden for both the council and the supplier as procuring individual tenders involves completion of numerous documents, advertisements, time pressures, and repetitive evaluation procedures.

The Dynamic Purchasing System provides greater flexibility and creates a continuous competitive market through regular price competitions.

There is no restriction on the number of categories which a supplier can apply to join and there is no limit on the number of suppliers that can be appointed to each one.

Unlike traditional frameworks, the life of a Dynamic Purchasing System can be extended multiple times and it remains open so that suppliers could apply to join at any point during its term and can even submit a new application should they fail or make an error, something which isn't possible with a framework agreement.

Applicants must pass the Selection Criteria to join the pool of suppliers in each category. Appointed suppliers are invited to participate in mini-competitions which will detail the relevant Quality and/or Price Award Criteria that will be used to evaluate the submissions.

Procurement Title

Spray Injection Patching

Procurement Option

Above threshold Open Tender.

New or Existing Provision

New Framework Agreement for a continuing requirement for Spray Injection Patching across Lancashire.

Estimated Annual Framework Value and Funding Arrangements

The estimated annual value is £600,000 with a total framework agreement value over the next four years estimated at £2,400,000. The value of this framework agreement can fluctuate and is subject to works and repairs being undertaken over the period of the agreement.

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

This service will be funded through existing highways revenue budgets and highways capital budget programme.

Framework 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 duration of 4 years pursuant to the constraints mandated by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

The bidders' prices 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 (RICS), will be used to cap the maximum increase; there will be no cap on decrease.

Lotting

The Framework Agreement will be divided into two Lots:

Lot 1 – Spray Injection Patching (ranked in most competitive price offer)

Lot 2 – Heated "In Situ" Road Repairs (ranked in most competitive price offer)

Evaluation

There are two stages of the evaluation.

Stage One: Selection Stage (Pass/Fail):

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 30% weighting for Quality Criteria and 70% weighting for Price.

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

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

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 Providers (per Lot).

Background

Spray patching and heated "in situ" road repairs is used to support highways works by ensuring a rapid patching technique suitable for use on rural and urban roads using cold emulsion asphalt which is placed into the void depression in the road surface under high pressure. The void is first blasted with compressed air to clean the surface and remove any debris, then the surface of the void is sprayed and coated with bitumen emulsion. Finally the asphalt is blasted into the void, self-compacting from the bottom up so requiring no additional compaction.

The county council has had spray injection patching and heated "in situ" road repairs in place since 2012. The framework providers will be responsible for working with the county council staff in planning spray patching and heated "in situ" road repair requirements, providing experienced labour, plant and materials. The framework providers will have demonstrated experience working with materials supplied under this type of service; where relevant, they must operate in compliance with 'The Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works; Specification for Highway Works'.

Procurement Title

IT Reseller Agreement for IT Hardware, and Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) Software

Procurement Option

Further competition via third-party ICT framework compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015

New or Existing Provision

Renewal of existing service provision.

Estimated Annual Contract Value and Funding Arrangements

Estimated annual value is £9.65m, totalling £38.6m over four years. Funding is to be made available from revenue budgets.

Contract Duration

The contract will be let for an initial period of 24 months from 1 December 2024, with an option to extend for a further 24 months, concluding no later than the 30 November 2028.

Lots

To enable the council to take advantage of its full buying power through economies of scale, disaggregating these requirements into multiple contracts would prevent value for money through competitive pricing. Additionally, partnering with a reseller can support the prioritising of the council's future needs over that of other customers during periods of supply chain disruption and shortages.

Evaluation

Evaluation of each reseller service provider will be undertaken against the following criteria:

- 50% technical and quality
- 10% social value
- 40% schedule of rates and mark-ups

The highest scoring tenderer will be awarded the service contract.

Contract Detail

The council will conduct a further competition via the HealthTrust Europe (HTE) Information Communication Technology (ICT) Solutions 2023 Digital Technology Framework Agreement (ComIT 3). The framework has eleven experienced ICT hardware and software resellers that are all capable of performing this service contract. The further competition will be awarded in compliance with the framework rules.

The reseller agreement will support the continuous supply of an ICT hardware catalogue and commercial off-the shelf (COTS) software applications for the council and its partners. The reseller will also supply non-catalogue ICT hardware and COTS software via their supply chain partners for the council and its customers, such as schools and other Local Authorities.

ICT professional services and non-COTS software applications, that were previously included in the incumbent reseller contract, are not within scope of this agreement. These will be let via separate procurement exercises when required.

Procurement Title

Collection and Delivery of Letters and Parcels

Procurement Option

Further competition via CCS Postal Service framework (RM6280) compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

New or Existing Provision

Renewal of existing service contract.

Estimated Annual Contract Value and Funding Arrangements

The current contract is valued at £618k per annum and is funded from the council's operational revenue budget.

Contract Duration

Initial term of three years, with two options to extend for a further two years each, to a maximum term of seven years.

Lots

The volume of collection and delivery of letters and parcels plus the size of the suppliers in the market does not support the splitting of this contract into smaller contracts.

Evaluation

The contract will be established by evaluating service providers against the following criteria:

- 60% technical and quality
- 10% social value
- 30% schedule of rates and mark-ups

The highest scoring tenderer will be awarded the service contract.

Contract Detail

Whilst the council aims to move interactions via digital communication, there is still a requirement for letter and parcel deliveries via first- and second-class delivery services. This contract will continue to meet the needs of the council's current and future mail requirements through the most cost-effective delivery channels.

The council will conduct a further competition via the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Postal Service framework agreement (RM6280). The framework has seven suppliers, including the council's incumbent service provider, Royal Mail Group Limited. The further competition will be awarded in compliance with the framework rules.