Department for Infrastructure

Roads: Procurement of Works (up to £5m) and Maintenance

Questionnaire

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1. Questionnaire
   1. Instructions for Responding
      1. DfI Roads would appreciate feedback from companies that have an interest in any of the road maintenance or related transport/civils works opportunities covered by this consultation. The briefing outlines a strategic approach that DfI Roads considers could be developed into a more detailed strategy to deliver its aims.
      2. Final decisions on the Procurement Strategy will be taken in the light of the market feedback gained from this consultation exercise. Therefore, this consultation provides current and potential suppliers with an opportunity to feed into and influence the Procurement Strategy before it is finalised.
      3. DfI Roads would prefer companies to respond to all the questions as fully as possible. Responses should be given in the form of written answers. There is no limit to the length of the response to any question or to the provision of diagrams and pictures, etc. but please be specific and as concise as possible in making your points. The submission of general marketing material should be avoided as such material will be disregarded.
      4. Please include your full company name within the header or footer of each page of your response.
      5. For your written feedback to be considered in the finalisation of the Procurement Strategy your response must be received by email, to [pb1@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:pb1@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk) by 18 October 2022.
      6. If you have any questions regarding this consultation exercise, please contact Stephen Bradshaw, [stephen.bradshaw@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.bradshaw@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk), or Adam Heanen [adam.heanen@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:adam.heanen@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk) .

Questionnaire Part 1 – Interest, capability, and capacity

**Q1.1. Would your company be interested in tendering for and delivering any of the contract packages set out in Table 2?**

*If yes, then please state which contract packages, in whole or in part, that your organisation would be interested in delivering.*

**Q1.2. Is your company likely to need to enter a consortium, e.g., a joint venture arrangement, to deliver any work packages of interest?**

*Please provide details of any likely consortium arrangements, if known, indicating the reasons, e.g., for capacity or technical purposes.*

**Q1.3. What is your company’s approximate current total capacity, in terms of annual turnover, for the categories of work of interest?**

*Please complete the table below as fully as possible to submit your response.*

| **Q1.3 Turnover** | | |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Category of Work** | **Company Interest in Delivery**  **(Yes/No)** | **Capacity Approx. Turnover**  **(£k per annum)** |
| Maintenance and Improvement of Structures |  |  |
| Road Restraint Systems |  |  |
| Minor Improvement/ Roads Civils Works |  |  |
| Surface Dressing |  |  |
| Surface Treatments |  |  |
| Small Scale and Responsive Works |  |  |
| Environmental Maintenance (Grass Cutting/Weed Control/Gully Emptying) |  |  |
| Road Markings |  |  |
| Maintenance and Improvement of Street Lighting |  |  |
| Resurfacing |  |  |

**Q1.4. Is your organisation aware of any skills or capacity issues within the industry that may impact on the successful procurement and operation of the maintenance and works contracts?**

*Please set out specific details and examples.*

Questionnaire Part 2 – Packaging Strategy

**Q2.1. What are your organisation’s views on the packaging of maintenance and works into the contracts indicated in Table 2?**

*Please include your views on the division of scope between the proposed contracts. Please describe any key issues or risks that DfI Roads should consider in finalising the packaging.*

**Q2.2. Are there any alternative contract packaging approaches that your organisation would recommend for the DfI Roads’ consideration?**

Questionnaire Part 3 – Contracting Strategy

**Q3.1. What are your organisation’s views on the proposed overall contracting approach set out in section 3.2?**

*Please include your level of support for the proposed use of NEC4 frameworks, including work allocation between the group of successful contractors. Please set out any key issues or risks that the DfI Roads should consider when developing the contracting approach.*

**Q3.2. What are your organisation’s views on the use of the NEC4 Framework Contract and with call-offs using the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC) Option B for work categories A, B and C in Table 2?**

*Please include your level of support for the use of NEC4, and any issues or risks that DfI Roads should consider when developing the contract, and any alternative contract forms that you consider would be a more suitable.*

**Q3.3. Does your company agree with the proposal for DfI Roads to adjust supplier workshare based on actual delivery performance?**

*Please include any alternative incentives that your company would like DfI Roads to consider.*

**Q3.4. Are the any alternative contracting approaches for maintenance and works that your company would recommend for the DfI Roads’ consideration?**

*Please set out the details and your rationale.*

***Q3.5. Does your company consider the 4 year duration of the Frameworks or Term Maintenance Contracts to be appropriate?***

*Please set out the details and your rationale.*

Questionnaire Part 4 – Schedule, Opportunities, and Risk

**Q4.1. What is your company’s view on the high-level procurement schedule?**

**Q4.2. In your company’s view, what are the key risks associated with the successful procurement and operation of maintenance and works contracts?**

*Please set out any further risks not covered by earlier responses.*

**Q4.3. In your company’s view, what are the key opportunities that the DfI Roads should consider when finalising procurement strategy?**

*Please set out any further opportunities not covered by earlier responses.*