

Appendix 2 – Swansea Highways

1. Background and requirements

1.1. The County is responsible for the maintenance of more than 1100km of carriageway, 1500km of footway and in excess of 200 bridges and structures. It is our aim that the actions of the partnership will ensure that these assets are:

- Maintain the County's infrastructure to an acceptable standard where identified
- Improve the appearance of the highway network
- Bring real improvements to the quality of life in local communities

1.2. Therefore the City and County of Swansea requires a third party deliver its Core Highways Planned Maintenance Programme. This Contract is required to deliver our strategic objectives and the Contractor/s will be expected to demonstrate year on year improvements to satisfying the following objectives:

- Ensuring the network is safe for users, as far as is reasonably practicable – so that we are able to comply with our statutory duties and successfully defend against potential claims
- Maintain the value of the highway assets – to ensure sound financial management of the highway assets
- Maintain the visual appearance of the network – to help enhance the environment of the County
- Maintain availability of the highway network ensuring that highway users are free to travel with minimal disruption
- Minimise disruption to residents and businesses – so that those living and working in the County suffer minimal disruption from Tasks being undertaken on the highway

1.3. To facilitate this, works may include but not be limited to the following:

- New Highway Construction
- Highway Improvements
- Traffic Calming
- Carriageway reconstruction
- Footway reconstruction
- Surfacing of carriageways
- Surfacing of footpaths
- Specialist surface treatments
- Drainage and ducting
- Painting including structural painting
- Maintenance and renewal of safety fencing
- Concrete placing and repair
- Waterproofing of structures
- Brickwork and Blockwork
- General Civil Engineering

2. Procurement Process

- 2.1. The potential estimated value of the new Framework Agreement over the term of the Framework is certain to exceed the European Union threshold for works.
- 2.2. The Council's intention was to enter into a Framework Agreement with up to one (1) Contractor for Lot 1 – General Civil Engineering and one (1) Contractor for Lot 2- Re -surfing and Associated works.
The Lots are detailed as follows

Lot 1: General Civil Engineering
Lot 2: Re -surfing and Associated works
- 2.3. The opportunity was advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) via Sell2Wales.
- 2.4. The award criteria used for this process was 30% Quality and 70% Price and this criteria was stated in the OJEU notice. The 'restricted' procurement procedure was selected.
- 2.5. The Pre- Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) was issued on 22nd March 2016 via the eTenderWales Portal.
- 2.6. 6 Tenderers submitted PQQ's by the return date of 21st April 2016
- 2.7. All 6 tenderer's were invited to tender.
- 2.8. The Invitation to Tender (ITT) was issued on 30th January 2017 via the eTenderWales Portal.
- 2.9. 3 Tenderers submitted tenders by the return date of 1st March 2017

3. Tender Evaluation

- 3.1. Tenders were evaluated by Officers from Highways and The Beyond Bricks & Mortar Team.
- 3.2. Tender evaluation was undertaken in accordance with the criteria set out in the Invitation to Tender documents.
- 3.3. The Quality evaluation ensured tenderers were able to demonstrate a minimum understanding of key requirements. The Quality evaluation was based on the assessment of the following method statement questions for both Lots.

LOT 1 – Civil Engineering

| Award Criteria | Maximum Weighted Score |
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| Quality Evaluation: 30%, broken down as— | |
| Quality Approach | 6% |
| Quality Approach | 4% |
| Quality Approach | 4% |
| Quality Approach | 4% |
| Experience/Improvement | 2% |
| Quality Plan | 2% |
| Health & Safety | 2% |
| TR & Training | 6% |
| Price Evaluation 70%, broken down as— | |
| Highway Maintenance to include work on carriageways but not limited to surfacing | 20% |
| Highway Maintenance to include work on footways but not limited to surfacing | 20% |
| Improvement to both highway and highway land | 15% |
| Civil Construction work to include but not limited to Drainage and coastal improvements | 15% |

LOT 2 – Resurfacing

| Award Criteria | Maximum Weighted Score |
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| Quality Evaluation: 30%, broken down as— | |
| Quality Approach | 6% |
| Quality Approach | 4% |
| Quality Approach | 4% |
| Quality Approach | 4% |
| Experience/Improvement | 2% |
| Quality Plan | 2% |
| Health & Safety | 2% |
| TR & Training | 6% |
| Price Evaluation 70%, broken down as— | |
| Highway Maintenance to include work on carriageways but not limited to surfacing | 20% |
| Highway Maintenance to include work on footways but not limited to surfacing | 20% |
| Improvement to both highway and highway land | 15% |

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| Civil Construction work to include but not limited to Drainage and coastal improvements | 15% |
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- 3.4. Tenderers were required to attain a minimum score of three for each of the Method Statement questions. Failure to attain a score of three or less for 3 or more questions resulted in tenders being rejected without further evaluation as per the Instructions to Tender.
- 3.5. The pricing evaluation was based on model schemes relating to these categories of works for both Lot 1 and Lot 2:
- Highway Maintenance to include work on carriageways but not limited to surfacing
 - Highway Maintenance to include work on footways but not limited to surfacing
 - Improvement to both highway and highway land
 - Civil Construction work to include but not limited to Drainage and coastal improvements
- 3.6. The Most Economically Advantageous Tenderer for both lots was Swansea Highways Partnership , which is a consortia bid between Alun Griffiths and Hanson.
- 3.7. The Framework Agreement commenced in April 2017 with an option to extend for 24 months .
- 3.8. The framework was due to expire March 2021 but has recently been extended for one year due to difficulties faced during Covid-19. A modification notice was published on Sell2wales in line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The new framework will be scoped in the next 6/9 months.

4. Community Benefits

- 4.1. The Council's Community Benefits policy update in July 2016 required that consideration be given to putting community benefits clauses in all Council contracts. As a result community benefit clauses were included in this Agreement.
- 4.2. Working closely together, Officers from Highways and the Beyond Bricks and Mortar (BB&M) teams were able to ensure that the new Framework Agreement will have a focus on adding value and ensuring wider social and economic issues are taken into account when delivering services.
- 4.3. Each tenderer was required to produce a Community Benefits plan, outlining how they would achieve a range of community benefits, such as targeting unemployed people for jobs and training opportunities, taking on apprentices, working with schools and participating in community projects