

ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT – D.W. GRIFFITHS

23RD APRIL 2015

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS FRAMEWORK (SWWRCECF)

Purpose of Report

To seek Members' approval for the use of the South West Wales Regional Civil Engineering Contractors Framework (SWWRCECF).

Background

The SWWRCEF contracts are a continuation of the existing contractors' framework agreement, which came to an end in November 2014.

The framework contracts result from collaboration between regional authorities to provide an efficient system of appointing contractors that reduces extensive contract procedures each time contracts for similar works are issued externally.

Participating Councils are:

- Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
- Carmarthenshire County Council
- Pembrokeshire County Council
- City and County of Swansea Council

Carmarthenshire is the lead authority.

The framework enables advertising and pre-qualification to be completed once rather than several times for each authority. For smaller contracts, where appropriate, it enables direct appointment of contractors on a submitted 'schedule of rates' basis without further competition. Otherwise, contracts will be awarded following a mini competition process between successful framework contractors.

The Framework is in operation for three years, from January 2015, with an option for each authority to extend for a further year.

There is no obligation to use the framework for appointment of contractors. However, there is an understanding between the participating councils that the framework will be used for appropriate contracts. The process meets the competition requirements for grant funded schemes and is fully EU compliant.

The framework contracts provide an opportunity to review the 'select list' process.

Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment, it has been determined that this function does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

The Contractor Appointment Process

The framework is divided into 'lots' in accordance with work type and location. The 'lots' are indicated in the table in Appendix 1.

The Framework was advertised on the Welsh Government's 'Sell2Wales' web site in accordance with regulations. From the responses contractors were invited to submit pre-qualification documents.

An evaluation panel was established with senior officers from each of the participating Councils. Following the pre-qualification evaluation short-listed contractors were invited to prepare tenders in each of the relevant 'lots'. The number of contractors invited in each 'lot' is also given in Appendix 1.

On return of tenders the evaluation panel reconvened to assess the submissions. The assessment process is based on a cost/quality process in proportions agreed for each 'lot'. Contractors were informed of the assessment method as part of the tender process.

Cost was assessed in accordance with rates returned for typical contracts. Scores were determined relative to average total tendered cost from each contractor; points were awarded depending on the variation of the total cost from the mean.

Quality was assessed based on factors including resource management, management structure and capability, health and safety, collaborative framework management and method statements for various typical schemes.

Successful Contractors

Successful contractors relevant to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council are shown in Appendix 1.

Appendices

1. SWWRCECF Successful Contractors

Recommendation

It is recommended, having due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment screening, that the South West Wales Regional Civil Engineering Contractors Framework (SWWRCECF) is accepted for use with Neath Port Talbot Contracts where appropriate.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To support and progress the key themes and objectives of the Single Integrated Plan and streamline the procurement process.

List of Backgrounds Papers

A Screening Assessment has been undertaken

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

Consultation Outcome

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Sustainability Appraisal

There are no sustainability issues.

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL CIVIC ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS FRAMEWORK (SWWRCECF)

(a) **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call-in period.

(b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	-	Positive
Education and Lifelong Learning	-	No Impact
Better Health and Well Being	-	No Impact
Environment and Transport	-	Positive
Crime and Disorder	-	No Impact

Other Impacts

Welsh Language	-	No Impact
Sustainable Development	-	Positive
Equalities	-	Positive
Social Inclusion	-	Positive (through community benefits)

(c) **Consultation**

This item is not subject to external consultation.

Appendix 1

SWWRCECF Successful Contractors

Lot No*	Description	Number of Tenderers	Number of Successful Tenderers	Successful Tenderers
3	Very Small <£100k	9	6	Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd; Andrew Scott Ltd; Centregreat; Evan Pritchard Contractors Ltd; T Richard Jones (Betws) Ltd; Williams Llandeilo (Civil Engineering Ltd)
5	Small (£100k - £1.5m)	9	6	Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd; Andrew Scott Ltd; Dawnus Construction Holdings Ltd; Evan Pritchard Contractors Ltd; Jones Brothers (Henllan) Ltd; Raymond Brown Construction Ltd
6	Medium (£1.5m - £7.5m)	8	5	Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd; Andrew Scott Ltd; Dawnus Construction Holdings Ltd; Galliford Try Infrastructure Ltd; T Richard Jones (Betws) Ltd
7	Large (>£7.5m)	5	4	Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd; Dawnus Construction Holdings Ltd; Galliford Try Infrastructure Ltd; Walters UK Ltd
8	Demolition	9	5	Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd; Cuddy Group; Evan Pritchard Contractors Ltd; T Richard Jones (Betws) Ltd; Walters UK Ltd
9	Landscaping	5	4	Afan Landscapes Ltd; G.D Harries Ltd; Gerald Davies Ltd; Jones Brothers (Henllan) Ltd;

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10	Public Lighting	6	4	Bam Nutall Ltd; Centregreat; Derwen Lighting Ltd; SSE Contracting
12	Lining & Road Markings	3	3	Glamorgan White Lining; Jones Brothers (Henllan) Ltd; Nolan Roadmarking Ltd.
14	Surfacing	6	4	Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd; G.D. Harries Ltd; Jones Brothers (Henllan) Ltd; Tarmac Ltd.
15	Surface Treatment	7	7	Colas Ltd; Glamorgan White Lining; Jones Brothers (Henllan) Ltd; JPCS Ltd; Nolan Roadmarking Ltd; Roadbridge; Tregarron Trading Service Ltd

*Lot Numbers not shown are relevant to other Councils