
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

20 February 2018

Cabinet

Title: **Award of a Framework Agreement for the Professional Consultancy Services Partnership – Civil Engineering**

Purpose: To advise Cabinet of the result of the tender exercise for the Framework Agreement for the Professional Services Partnership – Civil Engineering

Recommendation: Agree to approve the award of Framework Agreement to RPS Consulting Services Ltd

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 North Ayrshire Council requires to establish a new Framework Agreement for the Civil Engineering Professional Services Partnership with one provider following recommendation as part of a Roads Service Review and approved by Cabinet on 24th November 2015.
- 1.2 In order to comply with the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and Contract Procedure Rules and Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/446) (as amended) a formal tendering exercise was undertaken.
- 1.3 The Framework Term is for an initial period of 2 years with the option to extend annually for a further 2 years with the proposed award to RPS Consulting Services Ltd.

2. Background

- 2.1 A formal contract notice was advertised on 10th November 2017 under the Open procedure in the Official Journal of the European Union and Public Contracts Scotland Procurement Portal and the procurement exercise was carried out via the PCS-Tender E-Tendering System. The return date for the ITT was 18th December 2017 at 12 noon.
- 2.2 The contract notice attracted 47 expressions of interest from a range of potential suppliers of which 8 submitted a response to the Invitation to Tender.
- 2.3 The evaluation of tenders was undertaken using the following stated criteria: most economically advantageous tender using a price quality ratio of 50% Price / 50% Quality.

3. Proposals

3.1 It is proposed that the Framework Agreement is awarded to RPS Consulting Services Ltd.

4. Implications

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| Financial: | The total indicative value of the Framework Agreement is £1,604,000. A total budget of £2,200,000 is available for this requirement. |
| Human Resources: | None |
| Legal: | In order to comply with the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and Contract Procedure Rules, Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, a formal tender exercise was advertised via the Public Contracts Scotland advertising portal. |
| Equality: Children and Young People: | None |
| Environmental & Sustainability: | The tender includes the requirement for the provider to undertake each work package in accordance with the relevant British and EU Standards, Statutory Regulation and Good Industry Practice. |
| Key Priorities: | This contributes to the Council Plan Priority 5: Protecting and enhancing the environment for future generations. |
| Community Benefits: | The successful tenderer will deliver a range of Community Benefits during the contract period including: Engagement and development with SME's and TSO's providing one to one support or a workshop in their area of expertise relevant to their sector; Assistance in delivering the Council's aspiration of one or more Supported Businesses are awarded work through this contract; and Support for a school project and community project agreed in conjunction with NAC. |

5. Consultation

5.1 There was consultation with Roads throughout the tender process.



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Background Papers

Tender Outcome Report (NAC/2063)