Market Engagement Notice

West of Cheltenham Transport Improvement Scheme (WCTIS) – UK Cyber Business Park; Phase 1 Arle Court Junction Improvements and Phase 2; A40 Golden Valley,M5 J11 to Arle Court widening.

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This advert is intended to notify potential suppliers of the upcoming combined tender for WCTIS Phase 1 Arle Court Junction Improvements and Phase 2 A20 Golden Valley, M5 J11 to Arle Court.

The WCTIS UK Cyber Business Park scheme includes highway improvements to the west of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. The scheme will increase junction capacity and reduce the queue length on approaches to Arle Court Roundabout and reduce the impact of queuing traffic on M5 Junction 11. It will improve public transport services for buses through the creation of new bus lanes and improved access and egress from the Arle Court Park & Ride site and improve local cycle and pedestrian facilities.

This contract will deliver the construction of Phases 1 and 2 of the scheme. Phase 1 is focussed on Arle Court Roundabout and the B4063, Hatherley Lane and Fiddlers Green Lane approach arms. Phase 2 includes widening of the A40 eastbound between M5 J11 and Arle Court Roundabout.

Both phases are included within this contract.

A more detailed summary of the works is included below:

Phase 1 – Arle Court Roundabout

* Widening of the A40 approaches and departure lanes at the roundabout;
* Widening of the Arle Court roundabout circulatory;
* New bus exit slip road from the Park and Ride onto A40 westbound carriageway;
* Extension of Arle Court subway and retaining wall to accommodate additional traffic lanes and bus layby;
* Piling for subway foundations;
* Widening of Hatherley Lane to provide two lanes of traffic in each direction between Arle Court Roundabout and Park and Ride / Grovefield Way Roundabout;
* New Fibre Reinforced Polymer pedestrian footbridge;
* Upgrade of Arle Court roundabout traffic signals;
* Cycle and pedestrian improvements including new toucan crossing of Fiddlers Green Lane;
* Utility diversions;
* All works for replacement Street lighting and new lit signs.

Phase 2 – M5 J11 to Arle Court Roundabout

* Widening of A40 eastbound between M5 J11 to Arle Court Roundabout
* Utility diversions

A summary of the outline programme for the scheme is shown below:

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| Tender period:  Anticipated Works Start Date:  Completion:  Overall Duration:  Indicative Value: | Wed 11th Dec 2019 to Mon 10th Feb 2020  April 2020  February 2021  48 weeks  £7.5m |

The proposed procurement route will be a single stage (Open Procedure) using the NEC4 ECC form of Contract, Option A Priced Contract with Activity Schedule.

Full details will be available in the tender pack that we intend to advertise on **Wednesday 11th December 2019.**

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Suppliers will need to register on the system in order to participate. Registration is free and we recommend that suppliers register now to avoid delay once the opportunity is advertised.

An introduction to this scheme will be provided at a supplier engagement event that will be held at;

**10th December 2019: 14:00hrs to 15:30 hours**

**Council Chamber**

**Gloucestershire County Council**

**Shire Hall**

**Gloucester**

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