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Low Carbon offsite construction DPS

LHC for the South West Procurement Alliance (SWPA)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Procurer/Advert/AdvertSummary?projectId=35227cbb-9185-eb11-810c-005056b64545&projectStepId=37227cbb-9185-eb11-810c-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Public Sector Framework Tendering Organisation

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Low Carbon offsite construction DPS

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45211000 - Construction work for multi-dwelling buildings and individual houses

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

The London Housing Consortium (LHC) (acting as the Central Purchasing Body for the South West Procurement Alliance (SWPA)), are consulting on the potential establishment of a DPS Agreement for Construction of residential dwellings (including any associated community buildings and facilities) incorporating low energy offsite system across the South West. The DPS is aimed at delivering offsite housing, apartments, care homes and multi-occupancy dwellings including zero carbon solutions.

This DPS application process will run in conjunction with a new digital toolkit from Constructing Modern Methods (CMM).

CMM was developed as a concept in a previous piece of research funded by the Local Government Association and conducted with Bristol City Council (BCC) and Bristol Housing Festival (BHF) to understand what resources might make the widescale adoption of modern methods of construction and offsite housing solutions more feasible.

The form of the DPS will be subject to a pre-tender engagement process, commencing with this PIN and is proposing to hold pretender market engagement for prospective tenders.

Please note that market consultation documents will be available from 16:00 noon on the date of publication of this PIN via Procontract: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Procurer/Advert/AdvertSummary?projectId=35227cbb-9185-eb11-810c-005056b64545&projectStepId=37227cbb-9185-eb11-810c-005056b64545>

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,125,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 44211100 - Modular and portable buildings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

South West England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

South West Procurement Alliance (SWPA), the South West hub of the London Housing Consortium (LHC) Group has long standing experience in offering frameworks and other procurement solutions for the public sector and has in recent years built up a portfolio of expertise in MMC/ Offsite solutions through traditional construction and MMC Offsite frameworks (mmc.lhc.gov.uk). Working in partnership with CMM and developing a DPS provides the opportunity for many new and emerging MMC/Offsite suppliers to engage with public sector organisations. It is hoped that these will come forward from the SW region supporting and boosting the local economy.

SWPA are consulting on the potential establishment of a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the construction of residential dwellings (and any associated community buildings and facilities) incorporating low energy offsite systems across the South West for the public sector. The DPS is aimed at delivering offsite housing, apartments, care homes and multi-occupancy dwellings including zero carbon solutions.

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In April 2020, a consortium of partners led by YTKO and including BCC, BHF, BRE and 9 leading modular housing companies were awarded an innovate UK grant for their project, 'Enabling Housing Innovation for Inclusive Growth'. CMM is one of the direct outcomes of that Innovate UK project. Further information about the Innovate UK project is available here <https://westofengland.ytko.com/constructing-modern-methods/>

CMM offers an innovative solution to the acceleration of offsite, modular housing by allowing suppliers to bring their solutions within the DPS through a robust and quality assured database.

This digital tool from CMM was designed specifically for and importantly with local authorities to provide an outcome-led procurement solution. The digital toolkit is key to achieving the projected rate of uptake in areas of MMC and offsite housing. It allows users to optioneer against a full spectrum of systems, organisations and performance options. This empowers the decision makers within local authorities, housing associations etc. at the call-off stage, helping narrow down the market to a number of possible options. These options are the confidently based on local policy and project specific criteria. Selected suppliers will then be invited to tender via a mini-competition.

Please note that market consultation documents will be available from 16:00 noon on the date of publication of this PIN. Consultation will commence with a live webinar and a number of Q&A sessions. All interested suppliers will also have the opportunity to comment via 1-2-1 consultation meetings and an on-line survey.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, frame agreement or dynamic purchasing system

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 May 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes