

### 1920-0228 -

Lot 1 - Mains Water Excavation Repairs including Incoming Mains Service Pipe Work

**Lot 2 - Drainage Excavation Repairs including Collapsed Pipe Work** 

Islington Council invites suitable expressions of interest from suppliers for the delivery of Mains Water Excavation Repairs including Incoming Mains Service Pipe Work and Drainage Excavation Repairs including Collapsed Pipe Work.

- Lot 1 Mains Water Excavation Repairs including Incoming Mains Service Pipe Work
- Lot 2 Drainage Excavation Repairs including Collapsed Pipe Work

# **Current status / Background**

Islington Council has a housing stock of approximately 29,000 and an in-house repairs team to carry out repairs and maintenance to our housing stock.

The Council is seeking to appoint a single specialist contractor to deliver mains water excavation repairs. This will include excavations to access burst mains through soft and hard ground, mains water pipe work repairs inside individual properties and communal areas, and mains water pipework re-runs.

The Council is also seeking to appoint a single specialist contractor to deliver drainage excavation repairs. This will include excavations to access collapsed drain lines through soft and hard ground, drainage pipe work repairs running through individual properties and communal areas, and drainage pipe work re-runs.

The appointed contractors will cover excavation repairs for the whole borough.

## The requirement

The aim is to support the in-house team in providing an efficient and effective service to our residents, and ensure the Council's housing stock is maintained in a good state of repair. In addition, this service will ensure that residents' have access to the necessary sanitation.

This will include basic excavation repairs, improvements or minor adaptations to existing pipe work and the ability to respond to urgent matters.

Examples of the work which may be carried out for all lots under the proposed agreements include, but are not limited to:

- Mains water pipe work repairs within properties.
- Mains water pipe work repairs within communal areas and estate boundaries.
- Mains water pipe work re-runs.
- Excavation and trenching to access burst pipe work and leaks through soft ground and hard ground.
- Drainage pipe work repairs running through properties.

- Drainage pipe work repairs within communal areas and estate boundaries.
- Drainage pipe work re-runs.
- Excavation and trenching to access collapsed drainage pipe work and leaks, through soft ground and hard ground.

## Lots

- Lot 1 Mains Water Excavation Repairs including Incoming Mains Service Pipe Work
- Lot 2 Drainage Excavation Repairs including Collapsed Pipe Work

Organisations may apply for Lot 1 and/or Lot 2, but any single organisation will only be awarded a maximum of one contract.

Organisations applying for Lot 1 and Lot 2 will be asked to express a preference regarding which Lot they would like to be awarded a contract for in the event that they are the highest scoring organisation for Lot 1, and also the highest scoring organisation for Lot 2.

In the event that the highest scoring organisation for Lot 1 is also the highest scoring organisations for Lot 2, that organisation will be awarded a single contract for the lot that they expressed a preference for only.

# TUPE [Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations]

Potential providers must be aware that TUPE may or may not apply to this service. Further details will be available in the invitation to tender.

## **Contract Period**

Lot 1 and Lot 2 – The contract period will be for twenty four (24) months from an estimated start date 1 March 2021 with the option to extend for a further two periods, of up to twelve (12) months each.

### **Contract Value**

Lot 1 -The estimated total value of this contract is £400,000 over the maximum forty eight (48) months term of the contract. This is based on £100,000 per annum.

Lot 2 – The estimated total value of this contract is £200,000 over the maximum forty eight (48) months term of the contract. This is based on £50,000 per annum.

There are no guaranteed volumes of work as this is based on demand.

## **Award criteria**

The contract will be awarded to the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations. MEAT for this contract is quality 50% and cost 50%. Further details will be provided in the invitation to tender.

# Cost 50% Quality 50%

# **Quality made up of:**

Lot 1 and Lot 2

- Proposed approach to managing the delivery of services according to contractual priorities, with appropriate resourcing (10%)
- Proposed approach to health and safety in the work environment including protecting staff and members of the public (10%)
- Proposed approach to customer service (including managing the customers' expectations) and equality (10%)
- Proposed approach to social value including reducing carbon footprint and promoting opportunities for local residents (20%)

## **Total 100%**

Tenderers should be aware that we reserve the right to hold interviews during the tender process. Interviews will be for verification/clarification purposes of the written submission.

We reserve the right to interview leading bidders.

### **Procurement Process**

This contract will be procured using the Open Procedure. The Open Procedure means that all bidders who successfully express an interest will automatically be invited to tender and have access to the tender documents. Those who submit a tender and meet the minimum requirements will have their full tender, method statements and pricing evaluated.

## How to express an interest

If you wish to apply for this contract please follow the steps below:

Register your company free of charge via the **London Tenders Portal**.

Link: <a href="https://procontract.due-north.com">https://procontract.due-north.com</a>

Await acceptance. You will receive an email confirming your username and password.

Use your username and password to log into the London Tenders Portal and express your interest in 1920-0228 –

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45232151 Water-main refurbishment construction work

45232452 Drainage Works

45332200 Water plumbing work

45332300 Drain-laying work

Shortly after you have expressed interest, you will receive a second email containing a link to access the tender documents.

### **Deadlines**

The deadline for expressions of interest is: **11:59am on Tuesday 29 September 2020.** Submission of tender documents by: **12 noon on Tuesday 29 September 2020.** Late submissions will not be accepted.

## **Additional information**

- Islington Council and its partners are committed to work towards a 'Fairer Islington', for more information see www.islington.gov.uk.
- Please do not include any publicity material with your submissions.
- Islington Council aims to provide equality of opportunity and welcomes applicants who
  meet the qualitative selection criteria from black and minority ethnic communities and
  disabled groups.
- The Council encourages all types of organisation who meet the qualitative selection criteria including Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations, Social Enterprises or not for profit enterprises and small to medium enterprises (SME) to tender.
- Your submission will be marked in stages. Only applicants who meet the requirements at each stage will progress to the next stage. Further details will be contained in the tender documents.
- Please include the Contract Number of this tender process when communicating with the Council in any way.
- All questions relating to this contract should be raised via the question and answer section of the relevant contract on the London Tenders Portal. Please do not contact any officer of the council directly.
- Applicants are advised that all costs incurred either directly or indirectly in preparation, submission or otherwise related to this advertisement will be borne by them, and in no circumstances will the council be responsible for any such costs. Applicants are also advised that the council at its sole discretion acting reasonably and in good faith reserves the right to abandon the procurement at any stage prior to contract award.
- As part of a commitment to transparency the council is now publishing all spend over £500 each month. This includes spend on contracts, so the successful contractor should expect details of spend against the contract to appear on the council website <u>Islington Council: Council contracts</u>. The council is also committed to publishing tender and contract documentation after contract award stage. Commercially sensitive information will be redacted from documentation. What constitutes commercially sensitive information is a matter for the council's sole discretion. However, tenderers will be invited to identify information they consider to be commercially sensitive in their tender return and this will be taken into account in the council forming a view.