

UKSPF Tender Launch Event 23 January 2023

Q&A

1. Is the Council able to extend the submission deadline for these opportunities?

Answer: No, due to the timescales for commencement of contracts and allocation of funding the deadlines cannot be extended. However the Council will provide as much support for Applicants as it can during the process, whilst considering the need to be fair to all Applicants and undertake the process in an open and transparent manner. All requests for further information and advice should be submitted through the messaging facility on www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk. Where the request is confidential or innovative in nature the Council will respond directly to the Applicant and where the request is of general nature the Council will provide a response to all Applicants.

2. Are Applicants able to sub-contract elements of delivery?

Answer: Yes, sub-contracting is permissible. The Council recognises that Applicants may not know at the time of submission who they will work with or that any identified sub-contractors may be subject to change at a later date .

For opportunity TTDA0123 Applicants are not required to provide details of their bidding model. The Supplier Suitability Questionnaire responses should be completed in respect of the organisation the Council will be contracting with.

For opportunity TTDA0223 Applicants are required to provide details of their bidding model within their response to Part 4 Selection Questionnaire. Where the Applicant is reliant upon any sub-contractors to enable them to meet any of the Selection requirements an SQ Part 1 and Part 2 Declaration must be submitted in respect of the sub-contractor.

3. Is the Council seeking bids from single organisations or would consortium bids be accepted?

Answer: The Council will accept bids from single entities or consortia. Where a consortium bid is being made the Supplier Suitability / Selection Questionnaire response should be a collective response in respect of all members of the consortium.

4. Can an Applicant who is a new / start-up organisation rely on the track record of other organisations it is intending to work with to deliver the project?

Answer: Yes Applicants may rely on the track record of other organisations. For opportunity TTDA0223 an SQ Part 1 and Part 2 Declaration must be submitted in respect of the organisation(s) the Applicant is relying on.

5. What Support can TDA offer for the procurement process?

Answer: TDA are unable to offer specific support during the procurement process due to procurement regulations. However, the Council will provide as much support for Applicants as it can during the process, whilst considering the need to be fair to all Applicants and undertake the process in an open and transparent manner. All requests for further information and advice should be submitted through the messaging facility on www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk. Where the request is confidential or innovative in nature the Council will respond directly to the Applicant and where the request is of general nature the Council will provide a response to all Applicants.

6. Spend timeframes for year one are incredibly tight, is there scope for these to be amended?

Answer: We are aware that the spend timeframes for delivery in year one are extremely tight and challenging. Current guidelines state that where possible we must ensure all spend is spent within its allocated timeframe. However, there is for spend in 22 23 to be spent across 23 24, ensuring there is compelling case for this that we can report back to Government.

7. Can an organisation bid for more than one intervention?

Answer: Yes, this is permitted.

8. Can organisations work together to achieve outputs and outcomes across different interventions?

Answer: Yes, if there is synergy between the interventions and collaboration will maximise impact, this is permitted.

Clarification

Opportunity TTDA0123: Lot 4 – E17 Development and promotion of the visitor economy. The Council confirms, as stated in the tender documents, it is seeking a single organisation to provide support to tourism related businesses / tourism, culture, heritage assets. Where an Applicant is unable, within the timescales for the tender, to specifically identify the tourism related businesses it will support the Applicant should set out in their response the services and support they will provide through the project. If required the Council will, following contract award, work with the successful Supplier to identify appropriate businesses and assets to receive the support.