

Portal Contract Reference: DN392141

Internal Contract Reference: P5372

Contract Title: Retained Development Viability Consultants

Expressions of interest start date: 03/02/2020

Return of tenders/bids end date: 04/03/2020

Initial Contract Duration: 4 years

Extensions:

Estimated Contract Value (including extensions): £670,000

Description:

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets requires expert consultancies to carry out rigorous independent reviews of Financial Viability Assessments submitted in support of planning applications. Five successfully appointed consultancies will be selected to be retained under a framework contract so they can be expediently appointed under a mini-tendering process when the Council requires expert advice.

The Viability Framework Contract agreement will run for a period of four years. The framework may come to an end earlier if the funding limit of the framework is reached prior to this point. The Council has secured a maximum of £670,000 to spend against the framework and expects this funding to last for 3-4 years.

The Council believes this approach will support the decision making process on planning applications by securing an opinion from professionally accredited consultants (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors – RICS accredited). This will allow officers at Tower Hamlets to be confident that they have secured the best outcome when making recommendations to Members of Planning Committees and reduce the risk of legal challenge.

Consultancies are required to read the supporting documents in full, which sets out the detailed expectations for this Framework Agreement and for the services to be delivered.

Additional Information:

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) is seeking expressions of interest from interested organisations for the above services and / or goods.

Organisations wishing to express their interest are requested to **register** on the London Tenders Portal (www.londontenders.org) where the opportunity documentation will be available for download. You will be required to complete an online questionnaire.

Organisations must ensure that access to the system is available to their representatives dealing with the contract and that this contact is updated as and when required.

The council will not be liable for the lack of delegated access within the organisation and will not send any documentation regarding the opportunity, which shall be exclusively available through the portal.

Suppliers are responsible for allowing sufficient time to submit their Application. The Council accepts no liability whatsoever for tenders that are not submitted due to internet connectivity issues, transmission delays or errors.

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If you require any further information prior to submit and expression of interest please contact the Council via email procurement@towerhamlets.gov.uk quoting the contract internal reference number.