

2223-0182 – New River College Improvement

Islington Council invites suitable expressions of interest from suppliers for the above.

Background

- New River College is a small school on a constrained site in the Archway area of Islington.
- The school is for secondary age pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs.
- Over recent years, the number of pupils being referred to this school has increased, and this – along with the aging of the school building – has led to a need for the school to be refurbished and extended.
- The existing school facility consists of the following:
 - a single-storey Victorian building with a central hall and classrooms around the perimeter;
 - a series of dilapidated single-storey extensions to the side and rear of the Victorian construction;
 - an uninspiring school yard with astroturf and tarmac surfaces, and limited planting.
- The scope for the construction works is as follows:
 - refurbish the Victorian building to provide contemporary school accommodation;
 - demolish the current extensions and construct a new, wrap-around single-storey extension to increase and improve the facilities offered at the school;
 - re-landscape the external area to create an attractive garden and outdoor sports zone which will facilitate a range of activities for the pupils;
 - connect the school's new heating system to the Ground Source Heat Pump which has recently been installed on site.
- The desired outcome: to create a school facility which meets contemporary building standards (including improved environmental credentials) as well as providing a top-class setting for some of the borough's more vulnerable young people, giving them the best possible opportunity to thrive.

The requirement

- Islington Council is seeking a Building Contractor to carry out the aforementioned improvement works to New River College.
- This Building Contractor will act as the main contractor, and will appoint subcontractors as needed.
- This Building Contractor will also take on the role of Principal Contractor under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM 2015).
- Note that the form of contract will be the JCT Design and Build contract.

Lots

This contract is not being divided into lots because the whole contract shall be delivered by one main contractor.

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

The duration will be approximately 9 months from an estimated start date of February 2024. Contractors to advise on construction programme.

Contract value

The estimated total value of the works is £3million, however the council is confident we will receive bids under this value.

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:

Cost 40%

Quality 60%

Quality made up of:

- 20% - Proposed approach to social value
- 20% - Proposed methodology
- 15% - Quality assurance and project management
- 5% - Proposed approach to health and safety on site

Total 100%

Further details will be provided in the invitation to tender.

Procurement process

As the value of the contract is above the threshold for wider advertising of the opportunity, a Contract Notice will be published on Contracts Finder.

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 opportunity please follow these steps:

- Register your company free of charge via the [London Tenders Portal](#)
- When you receive an email confirming your username and password use these to log on to the London Tenders Portal and express your interest in 2223-0182 – New River College Improvement. 45000000: Construction work
- Shortly after you have expressed interest, you will receive a second email containing a link to access the procurement documents..

Deadlines

The deadline for expressions of interest is: **11.59am Monday 22 January 2024**

Submission of Tender documents by: **12 noon Monday 22 January 2024**

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.
- 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.
- All questions relating to this contract should be raised via the messages section of the relevant contract on the London Tenders Portal. Please do not contact any officer of the council directly.
- 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 [Islington Council: Council contracts](#). 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.