

UK-Reading: bus shelters

2009/S 81-117120

CONTRACT NOTICE

Services

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S):

Reading Borough Council, Civic Centre, Attn: Corporate Procurement, UK-Reading RG1 7AE . Tel. +44 1189390945. E-mail: corporate.procurement@reading.gov.uk. Fax +44 1189390278.

Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: www.reading.gov.uk.

Address of the buyer profile: www.reading.gov.uk/procurement.

Further information can be obtained at: Reading Borough Council, Level 9, Civic Centre, Contact: Transport Planning, Attn: Stephen Wise - Senior Transport Planner, UK-Reading RG1 7AE . Tel. +44 1189553755. E-mail: stephen.wise@reading.gov.uk. Fax +44 1189390633.

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to: Reading Borough Council, Level 9, Civic Centre, Contact: Transport Planning, Attn: Stephen Wise - Senior Transport Planner, UK-Reading RG1 7AE . Tel. +44 1189553755. E-mail: stephen.wise@reading.gov.uk. Fax +44 1189390633.

I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES:

Regional or local authority.

General public services.

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes.

SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT

II.1) DESCRIPTION

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

UK-Reading: bus shelters and associated street furniture.

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance:

Services.

Service category: No 1.

Main place of performance: The administrative boundary of Reading Borough Council in the Royal County of Berkshire.

NUTS code: UKJ11.

II.1.3) The notice involves:

A public contract.

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement:

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s):

The awarding authority wishes to establish a contract for the supply, installation and subsequent maintenance and cleaning of advertising and non-advertising bus shelters and associated street furniture.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):

44212321, 45233293, 90910000, 50800000, 50000000, 79341000.

II.1.7) **Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA):**

Yes.

II.1.8) **Division into lots:**

II.1.9) **Variants will be accepted:**

Yes.

II.2) **QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**

The authority is considering options for the future provision of bus shelters within Reading Borough, and wishes to appoint a contractor to supply, install, maintain and clean all of the advertising and non-advertising bus shelters along with associated street furniture. The contract will include a planned capital replacement programme of the existing 238 bus shelters located within the Borough, along with the re-installation of real time passenger information (RTPI) equipment and scheduled and emergency maintenance.

II.2.2) **Options:**

Yes.

Description of these options: An initial contract period of 15 years.

II.3) **DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME-LIMIT FOR COMPLETION:**

Duration in months: 180 (from the award of the contract).

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

III.1) **CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

Further details will be included in the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) documentation.

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them:**

As stated in the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) documentation.

III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**

Joint and several liability.

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject:**

No.

III.2) **CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**

III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: (a) is bankrupt or is being wound up, where his affairs are being administered by the court, where he has entered into an arrangement with creditors, where he has suspended business activities or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations;

(b) is the subject of proceedings for a declaration of bankruptcy, for an order for compulsory winding up or administration by the court or of an arrangement with creditors or of any other similar proceedings under national laws and regulations;

(c) has been convicted by a judgment which has the force of res judicata in accordance with the legal provisions of the country of any offence concerning his professional conduct;

(d) has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authorities can demonstrate;

(e) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority;

(f) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority;

(g) is guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required under this Section or has not supplied such information;

(h) has been the subject of a conviction for participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2(1) of Council Joint Action 98/733/JHA;

(i) has been the subject of a conviction for corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Council Act of 26.5.1972 and Article 3(1) of Council Joint Action 98/742/JHA3 respectively;

(j) has been the subject of a conviction for fraud within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention relating to the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities;

(k) has been the subject of a conviction for money laundering, as defined in Article 1 of Council Directive 91/308/EEC of 10.6.1991 on prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering.

Information as requested in the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ).

III.2.2) **Economic and financial capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: (a) appropriate statements from banks or, where appropriate, evidence of relevant professional risk indemnity insurance;

(b) the presentation of balance-sheets or extracts from the balance-sheets, where publication of the balance-sheet is required under the law of the country in which the economic operator is established;

(c) a statement of the undertaking's overall turnover and, where appropriate, of turnover in the area covered by the contract for a maximum of the last three financial years available, depending on the date on which the undertaking was set up or the economic operator started trading, as far as the information on these turnovers is available.

Information as requested in the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ).

III.2.3) **Technical capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: Information as requested in the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ).

III.2.4) **Reserved contracts:**

No.

III.3) **CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS**

III.3.1) **Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession:**

No.

III.3.2) **Legal entities should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service:**

SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

IV.1) **TYPE OF PROCEDURE**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure:**

Negotiated.

Candidates have already been selected: no.

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate:**

Envisaged minimum number: 5. Maximum number: 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: The council will use the information in the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) to assess the economic and financial standing of the candidate provider and their technical ability to carry out the contract.

IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue:**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated yes.

IV.2) **AWARD CRITERIA**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria:**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document.

IV.2.2) **An electronic auction will be used:**

No.

IV.3) **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

Contract No. SC060.

IV.3.2) **Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract:**

No.

IV.3.3) **Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document:**

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 20.5.2009 - 17:00.

Payable documents: no.

IV.3.4) **Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate:**

27.5.2009 - 12:00.

IV.3.5) **Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates:**

1.6.2009.

IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up:**

English.

IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender:**

IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening tenders:**

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes.

In accordance with the Council's Contracts Procedure Rules-the lead councillor, a democratic services officer, corporate procurement officer and project officer.

SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VI.1) **THIS IS A RECURRENT PROCUREMENT:**

Yes.

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 172 months.

VI.2) **CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS:**

No.

VI.3) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Contractors wishing to be considered for this tendering opportunity must notify the Council of their interest by no later than 20.5.09 17:00 GMT. All applicants will be required to complete a pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) which is designed to furnish the Council with the information and formalities necessary for the appraisal of the minimum standards of economic and financial standing, ability and technical capacity required of the Contractor.

The PQQ is available on written request to the address set out in section I 1.3 of this notice. The PQQ, which must be completed and returned in hard copy with the requested supporting documents, should be returned to the address set out in section I 1.3 of this notice. The deadline for the return of the completed questionnaire will be 27.5.09 12:00 GMT. Responses to this questionnaire will be used to determine a contractor's eligibility to tender for the contract. The contract will be primarily for the use of Reading Borough Council, but the Council may wish to extend its terms to other local authorities or public bodies within the Thames Valley Area (including Swindon) or the wider South East Region. Such other local authorities or public bodies would contract directly with the successful contractor.

GO reference: GO 09042401/01.

VI.4) **PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures:**

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals:**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Reading Borough Council will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into. Applicants have 2 working days from the notification of the award decision to request additional debriefing and that information has to be provided a minimum 3 working days before the expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be requested from address given at part I 1.3 of this notice. If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (SI 2006 No. 5) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly (generally within 3 months). Where a contract has not been entered into the court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the court may only award damages.

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained:**

VI.5) **DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:**

23.4.2009.