



1718-0068 Building Materials, Equipment, Tool Hire and Plant Hire Supply

Islington Council invites suitable expressions of interest from suppliers for 1718-0068 Building Materials, Equipment, Tool Hire and Plant Hire Supply.

Current status / Background

The Housing Repairs Team within Islington Council delivers responsive repairs and maintenance to all 23,000 directly managed council homes across the borough. The service employs just over 100 repairs operatives from various building trades and it delivers in the region of 70,000 maintenance jobs per annum.

The service achieves high levels of customer satisfaction and continues to identify ways to improve its first time fix rates for repairs through the use of innovative IT and maintenance solutions and increased value for money.

In order to deliver its service the housing repairs team relies on the smooth and efficient supply of building materials and maintenance related equipment from its dedicated managed store facility located in the north of Islington provided by the existing materials supplier. The operatives working in the team also use power tools and plant hired from this site.

The requirement

The existing materials and tool hire contract comes to an end in July 2018 and as a result Islington Council is looking to procure this new Building Materials, Equipment, Tool Hire and Plant Hire Supply contract.

Key requirements for the new contract are to secure reliable, efficient and cost effective ordering, delivery and stock management processes for all building materials and equipment needed by the service through effective connections to existing IT systems used by Islington. This part of the contract will be delivered through the Islington dedicated managed store.

The contract will also supply power tools and plant for hire to be used by a variety of trade operatives working across the repairs team. This will include the management of the equipment on hire and of the necessary health and safety checks, servicing and maintenance requirements of this equipment. This part of the contract may be delivered through the dedicated store or from a locally based store in the suppliers store network.

Tenderers should be aware that gas repairs and servicing is not included in this contract.

Lots

The contract has been split into two Lots:

Lot 1 covers the supply of building materials and equipment. Building materials supplies includes over the counter sales and the supply of tailored van stocks used by repair operatives. Gas spares and heating materials are not included as part of this contract. An essential requirement is the ability to interface smoothly with Islington repairs and financial IT systems. This element of the contract will hold the lease for the dedicated managed store facility.

Lot 2 covers the hiring of tools and plant. The service needs to be delivered within close proximity of the Islington.

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 contract period will be for 36 months from an estimated start date 01/08/2018 with option to extend up to a further 35 months.

Contract Value

The estimated total value of this contract is £13.96m over the maximum 71 months term of the contract. This is based on £2.36m per annum. However, the Council is confident the bids received will be lower than the estimated value.

Award criteria

The contract will be awarded to the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. MEAT for this contract is quality 30% and cost 70%. Tender submissions will be subject to minimum quality thresholds. Further details will be provided in the invitation to tender.

Lot 1

Cost 70%

Core Product range prices – 60%

Specials – 6%

Bearers Orders – 3%

Non-Stock Items – 1%

Quality 30%

Quality made up of:

Proposed approach to Mobilisation Planning - 10%

Proposed approach to Service Objectives and Continuous Improvement - 10%

Proposed approach to Environmental Impacts – 5%

Proposed approach to Social Value – 5%

Lot 2

Cost 70%

Core Product range prices – 60%

Special Orders – 5%

Non – Standard delivery Charge – 5%

Quality 30%

Quality made up of:

Proposed approach to Mobilisation Planning - 10%

Proposed approach to Service Objectives and Continuous Improvement – 15%

Proposed approach to Social Value – 5%

Total 100%

Tenderers should be aware that we reserve the right to hold site visits and/or presentations and/or interviews during the tender process. Site visits and/or presentations and/or interviews will be for verification/clarification purposes of the written submission.

We reserve the right to interview leading bidders.

Procurement Process

This contract is over the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) threshold. The contract will be procured using the Restricted Procedure. The Restricted Procedure means the procurement process will be conducted in two stages.

The first stage for LOT 1 will involve selecting a maximum of the 5 highest-scoring organisations and for LOT 2 selecting a maximum of the 7 highest-scoring organisations through a selection questionnaire (SQ). All submissions will be subject to minimum requirements as stated in the SQ.

The second stage will be an evaluation of tenders submitted by bidders who are selected at the SQ stage.

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: <https://procontract.due-north.com>

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 1718-0068 Building Materials, Equipment, Tool Hire and Plant Hire Supply

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

Deadlines

The deadline for expressions of interest is: **12 noon 01/12/2017.**

Submission of selection questionnaires by: **12 noon 04/12/2017.**

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 [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.