ACCENT HOUSING LIMITED Document Title: Prior Information Notice for Contract Finder



Contract Name:	Charlestown House Heating & Ventilation System
Publish Date:	11/05/2020
Closing Date:	26/06/2020
Contract Start Date:	07/2020 COVID-19 restrictions permitting
Contract End Date:	TBC but maintenance is for a minimum of 5 years
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Description Procurement Opportunity

Introduction

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to establish the level of interest from potential suppliers of large building heating & ventilation systems.

To that end, Accent is opening a consultation opportunity from 11 May until 26 June 2020. During this period, we invite contact from suitably accredited and qualified economic operators to ascertain how we might work together.

The services required centre around the supply and maintenance of a replacement heating & ventilation system for Accent Housing Ltd's Head Office, Charlestown House, BD17 7SW.

NB: The detail and requirements set out in this notice are subject to change during the course of the procurement process. Changes will be communicated where applicable.

The Opportunity

The opportunity is to replace an out of date air-conditioning and heating system which is now completely out of manufacturer support.

Outline building details

Charlestown House comprises 4 storeys (Ground + 3) plus a basement, however the basement is not heated or air-conditioned. Each floor comprises 800 M², and prior to COVID 19 accommodated approximately 60 people, however that will probably reduce slightly.

Current system details

The building is solely reliant on the Heat Pump air conditioners for heating and cooling. Each floor is served by two centralised VRF heat pump airconditioners. Each of the centralized VRF & split condensers are located on roof top mezzanine areas. The refrigeration pipe work then travels down the central risers to each individual floor levels.

Upon reaching the relevant floor level, the pipe work then travels around the evenly distributed air handling units installed across the floor / office space within the false ceiling.

The third floor is served by an older Hitachi VRF system and has cassette air handling units throughout the floor space. This floor also has an additional Mitsubishi Electric ducted system supplementing the central area as a standalone system. The Hitachi units were all installed in 2002 and are fixed speed systems so they are very expensive to run.

All are now very old and reliability is an issue with spare parts frequently being difficult to obtain.

Our requirements of a replacement system

We are open minded about the type of system we purchase, however it must:

- Improve air circulation and air change
- Maintain and monitor appropriate levels of humidity
- Have the lowest possible carbon foot print, if possible making use of renewable energy
- Qualify for any environmental funding available
- Significantly reduce noise over current levels
- Significantly reduce running costs
- Have the option to be installed floor by floor in phases as budget becomes available.

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About Accent Housing Ltd

Accent is an English Registered Provider of Social Housing; that is to say a Housing Association. We have 21500 homes stretching from Surrey and Kent in the South to Cumbria and County Durham in the North. Our legal status is that of a charitable Registered Society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

For the past 15 years, our head office has been a converted 4 storey industrial building on Acorn Park Industrial Estate in Shipley, West Yorkshire.

Confidentiality

All the information you supply will be treated in the strictest confidence. It will not be made available to competitors now or in the future, although as is the nature of PIN's we reserve the right to use it to assist in the design of a Tender Specification.

How to Respond to this Notice

Interested parties are asked to make initial contact via the Proactis Housing Procurement Portal - <u>https://www.housingprocurement.com/</u> attaching a brief summary of how your organisation would deliver against our requirements and your professional accreditations. We will then provide suitable respondents with additional information and arrange socially distanced site visits.

















