**Reference – 5672**

***Lot 1: Biodiversity Offsetting – establishment phase***

***Lot 2: Biodiversity Offsetting – maintenance phase***

**Summary of Requirement –**

**Lot 1: Biodiversity Offsetting – establishment phase:**

The Establishment Phase of the Biodiversity Offsetting project will see habitat and / or grassland creation at each of the four identified sites over a period of around 18 months from Autumn 2023.

**Lot 2: Biodiversity Offsetting – maintenance phase:**

The Maintenance Phase of the Biodiversity Offsetting project will see habitat and / or grassland maintenance at each of the four identified sites over a minimum period of 25 years to commence after the establishment phase.

**Contract period**

Lot 1: Biodiversity Offsetting – establishment phase will run for 18 months from Autumn 2023.

Lot 2: Biodiversity Offsetting – maintenance phase will run for a minimum period of 25 years, to commence after the establishment phase.

## Contract value

Lot 1: Biodiversity Offsetting – capital phase: c£120-160k

Lot 2: Biodiversity Offsetting – maintenance phase: c£15-30k p.a.

## Miscellaneous information

Tenders are being invited using the restricted procedure and a contract notice has been published in the Find a Tender.

**Health and Safety at Work**

*In meeting the duties placed by the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, and subordinate legislation, the London Borough of Bexley (LBB) has selected the pre qualification schemes that form the Safety Schemes in Procurement Forum (SSIP) as the minimum standards of Health and Safety competence required.*

*Compliance with any one of these standards, details of which are available on the SSIP website, demonstrates an understanding of health and safety law and it’s application in the working environment. As far as LBB is concerned the most common standards used are the Contractors*

*Health And Safety Assessment scheme (CHAS), EXOR Health and Safety and OHSAS 18001 (http://www.bsigroup.com/en-GB/ohsas-18001-occupational-health-and-safety/)*

*If applicable - Only companies suitably registered (with regards to Health and Safety) by an SSIP Forum member as ‘Compliant’ (this compliance must also be ‘valid’ ie assessed within the last 2 years) shall be invited to tender, therefore any application your company may need to make to any of these bodies must be completed successfully by the date any tender is issued. The LBB will carry out a final check on registration just prior to tender invitation and companies not suitably registered at that time will not be invited to tender.*

*Contractors are expected to maintain a compliant registration (with regards to Health and Safety) with an SSIP Forum member for the duration of any contract.*

*The SSIP Forum acts as an umbrella organisation to facilitate mutual recognition between health and safety pre-qualification schemes wherever it is practicable to do so.*

## How to express an interest

If you wish to apply for this contract please follow the steps below:

Register your company free of charge on the London Tenders Portal (LTP)

Await acceptance. You will receive an email confirming your username and password for the LTP.

Use your username and password to log into the LTP and express your interest in the relevant contract number and category.

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

## Additional information

If you wish to apply for e-mail alerts of future opportunities, please register your company free of charge on LTP

Tick all categories you are interested in being notified about - you will only receive e-mail alerts for those categories which you select.

## TIMETABLE

* The closing date for expressions of interest is: 17TH April 2023
* Submission of Supplier Questionnaire documents by (Late applications will not be accepted): 18th April 2023 at 5pm
* Anticipated date for inviting shortlisted organisations to tender: 8th May 2023
* Anticipated date for return of tender documents: 5th June 2023
* Anticipated award date is: Late June
* The date of commencement of contract is:Lot 1 – Autumn 2023 ; Lot 2 – 18 months after completion of Lot 1

The Council accepts no liability whatsoever for expressions of interest that are not received due to internet connectivity issues, transmission delays or errors.

If you wish to discuss any of the above please contact: procurement@bexley.gov.uk