**NOTICE**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This Speculative Notice is a Pre-Market Engagement campaign issued by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) in order to encourage businesses to register and bid for Works contracts associated with the Disabilities Fund Grant (DFG). This notice is intended to cover current and future requirements in the form of a Four (4) year Framework Agreement where it is intended to advertise the requirement on Sell2Wales and qualify and suitable numbers of contractors to each of the Lots defined. See below.
2. Based on historic and current information, BCBC estimate the overall value of the Framework Agreement over the four (4) year period to be around £7,800,000 to be spent in response to applications received from people in the local community, to adapt their homes in order for them to remain and live in them as independently as possible. However, interested parties should note that any one Call-off contract from the Framework Agreement will generally be worth no more than £36,000, most Call-offs are likely to be significantly under this value.
3. The number of lots is open to discussion during the engagement exercises and has not yet been finalised but a provisional proposal is that the Framework will take the form of Two (2) Lots namely:
   1. **Lot 1 – General Building Works:**
      1. General building works will cover all aspects of Disabled Facilities Grants. Also, these works will include, bathrooms, level access showers, kitchens, ramps, small and larger extensions, internal alterations, including heating and electrical works, wheel chair access, roofing, and all associated works such as tiling, non-slip floor covering, etc. This category of work covers large-scale adaptation and renovation projects that could include complete house refurbishments.
   2. **Lot 2 – The Provision of Stair Lifts:**
      1. This Lot covers the installation of all types of stair lift, together with any minimal ancillary work to facilitate the lift installation (e.g. alterations to the stair bulkhead, newel post, etc.).

**INTENDED PROCESS FOR THIS SPECULATIVE NOTICE**

1. The following is an indication of the process BCBC intends to undertake to advertise this requirement as widely as possible and to provide an indication of how the Framework will be set up and operated. The process is not set in stone and as such BCBC reserve the right to amend it as required.
   1. This Speculative Notice is published to give all interested parties the opportunity to register themselves on the required platforms as further described below and as such will have free access to everything that is published on the subject.
   2. As the Works requirements are to be conducted in potentially vulnerable people’s private homes, it is necessary for bidders to have a valid Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check on the individuals working within any customer's private home.
   3. BCBC intends to arrange opportunities for Pre-market Engagement, either as a group or individually:
      1. Each potential bidder will have an opportunity for informal 1-2-1 discussions with the DFG team. These will be held by BCBC on the 8th and 9th December 2021. To book your 1-2-1 meeting contact [newcontractorqueries@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:newcontractorqueries@bridgend.gov.uk)

Discussion points for these meetings will be:

* Lots
* Construction Line
* Sub-contractors
* Opportunities
* Barriers
* Working with the Council

4.3.2 To provide more than one opportunity for potential bidders to attend and ask questions, a full presentation via a group workshop event will be held at the beginning of January. Dates and format to be confirmed

* 1. To confirm the route of qualifying and nominating suitable contractors to the Framework Agreement as further outlined below:
     1. In order to receive the Contract Notice or advertisement, potential Bidders **must** be registered on Sell2Wales. (**Registration is free of charge**). <https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/SOCInformation.aspx>

* + 1. In order for you to participate, potential bidders **must** be registered on **Constructionline**, (<https://www.constructionline.co.uk/products-services/memberships/>). **There is a charge** for this which needs to be set up and managed by the contractor directly with Constructionline.
    2. In order to receive the procurement documents, ask any questions and submit a bid for possible inclusion on the Framework Agreement, potential bidders **must** be registered on **ETenderWales**. (**Registration is free of charge**). (<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/esop/toolkit/registration/displayRegistration.si?isOnModification=true&_ncp=1635158708134.17552-3>)
  1. **Qualification Questionnaire (QQ) – Evaluation Criteria:**
     1. In order for BCBC to satisfy its own Contract Procedure Rules (CPR’s) and because of the various levels of membership available on Constructionline, potential Bidders need only be **Registered** and **Verified** on Constructionline and at **any** membership level.
     2. In order to create a level playing field BCBC will set out a Qualification Questionnaire (QQ) by way of its own Due Diligence. The QQ will consist of Yes/NO, PASS/FAIL and information questions covering main areas of your business such as General Information, Financial Standing, Capacity and Capability, Quality, Environmental and Health & Safety and possibly some additional questions pertinent to the requirements.

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