**Invitation to Tender**

**Climbing Sensory Area**

**Ref: RUR 862**

# 1. About Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre

The Tide Climbing Centre is a family friendly, state of the art climbing gym in north Cornwall, 7 miles from Wadebridge. We cater for all sorts of climbing and are in the unique position to offer both bouldering and rope climbing under one roof.

We have over 100 bouldering problems for you to try, as well as 22 lines and 4 auto belay points. Our mission is to position The Tide Climbing Centre at the forefront of inclusive climbing in the South West. We offer a range of taster sessions, inductions and 1-to-1 coaching sessions to help climbers of all abilities access and progress within the sport.

# 2. Background and Context

This Project is to utilise an area of our 'barn' building and create a specific sensory area for kids and adults who have sensory needs. This will enable to extend our reach to customers who would not feel comfortable in our facility. This space will be created for those who want to engage with our sport in a way that fulfills their needs.

It will be separated from our usual spaces and use special lighting and equipment to create a welcoming environment to users. We have contractors ready to build our sensory area, we have the suppliers to provide us with the equipment needed. We have a supplier ready to install a mezzanine to provde access to this area, we have the ability to project manage and design this space ourselves. I am a business manager and the other director is a project manager in sustainable engineering.

This project will enable us to branch out to schools, children and adults who have sensory needs. Currently we do not have a dedicated space for anyone who experiences anxiety with their extra needs. This space will be the furthest point from our café to help with ‘smell sensory avoidance’. The area will be design to help with hyposensitivity ‘sensory seeking'. The area will have enough space for individuals to use without being worried about interaction with others.

Once this area is built, we will be able to create a program for children/adults with SEND needs, we will be recognised at the forefront of driving social changes. Breaking down social and ecomonical barriers. We can apply for funding through Sport England to help participants pay for sessions, which will allow low income families the same opportunities as others

The purchase of this system is part of a grant funded application process. We will assess tenders received on lowest compliant Tender.

# 3. Tender requirements

We wish to procure the following climbing wall and associated equipment:

The successful tenderer will be expected to undertake the following activities:

1. Design and Engineering:
2. Climbing Walls 3D Design
3. Structural 3D Engineering of Climbing Walls
4. Boulder Walls - freestanding:
5. Boulder 110 m2
6. Additional steel structure for self-standing, top-out and steep climbing walls
7. Additional steel free standing frame
8. Changing colour LED stripes with brightness control
9. Natural Wood Texture
10. Matting:
11. Boulder Mat BM300 (carpet, one cover, dual layer). Dual layer 300mm boulder matting, wrapped in FR heavy grade vinyl and covered with FR high-traffic-optimized carpet top 62 m2
12. Hard edge 300 (at the border of the mat, next to the walkway) 8 m
13. Additional boulder carpet on areas of maximum use.
14. Holds and Volumes:
15. Climbing Holds Please allow of £10,000
16. Shipping and Installation:

4**. Budget**

The total maximum budget available for this commission is £75,000 (exc VAT) but inclusive of all expenses.

**Tenders that exceed the total budget will not be considered.**

The budget will be reviewed as part of the tender evaluation detailed in Section 10 and will reflect the degree to which there is a saving on the maximum budget

# 5. Tender and commission timetable

The timescale of the programme is from the date of signing the contract until acceptance by the tenderer. The timetable for submission of the Tender, completion of the programme are set out below.

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| **Milestone** | **Date** |
| Date ITT available on Contracts Finder | 5 July 2024 |
| Last date for raising queries | 18 July 2024 |
| Last date for clarifications to queries | 19July 2024 |
| Deadline to return ITT | **1700:31 July 2024** |
| Evaluation of ITT | 1 August 2024 |
| Award of Contract | 2 August 2024 |

# 6. Tender submission requirements

Please include the following information in your Tender submission.

6.1 Please provide your proposal and any necessary technical or specification sheets.

6.2 Conflict of Interest statement (see section 8)

6.3 Budget (with and without VAT)

**7. Sub-contracting**

Tenderers should note that a consortia can submit a tender but the sub-contracting of aspects of this commission after appointment will only be allowed by prior agreement with Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre.

**8. Conflicts of Interest**

Tenderers must provide a clear statement with regard to potential conflicts of interests. Therefore, **please confirm within your tender submission** whether, to the best of your knowledge, there is any conflict of interest between your organisation and Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre or its programme team that is likely to influence the outcome of this procurement either directly or indirectly through financial, economic or other personal interest which might be perceived to compromise the impartiality and independence of any party in the context of this procurement procedure.

Receipt of this statement will permit Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre to ensure that, in the event of a conflict of interest being notified or noticed, appropriate steps are taken to ensure that the evaluation of any submission will be undertaken by an independent and impartial panel.

# 9. Tender clarifications

Any clarification queries arising from this Invitation to Tender which may have a bearing on the offer should be raised by email to:

[sophie@tideclimbing.com](mailto:sophie@tideclimbing.com)

in accordance with the Tender and Commission Timetable in section 5.

Responses to clarifications will be anonymised and uploaded by Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre to Contracts Finder and will be viewable to all tenderers.

No representation by way of explanation or otherwise to persons or corporations tendering or desirous of tendering as to the meaning of the tender, contract or other tender documents or as to any other matter or thing to be done under the proposed contract shall bind Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre unless such representation is in writing and duly signed by a Director/Partner of the tenderer. All such correspondence shall be returned with the Tender Documents and shall form part of the contract.

# 10. Tender evaluation methodology

Each Tender will be checked for completeness and compliance with all requirements of the ITT. The award of the contract will be to the LOWEST COMPLIANT BID.

11**. Tender Award**

Any contract awarded as a result of this tender process will be in accordance with this ITT and the tenderer’s response.

# 12. Tender returns

Tenders are to be returned by email.

Tenders are to be returned in accordance with Section 5

Latest date to be returned: As per Section 5

Latest time to be returned: 17:00

Emailed tenders should be sent electronically to

[sophie@tideclimbing.com](mailto:sophie@tideclimbing.com)

with the following message clearly noted in the Subject box;

‘Climbing Sensory Area’

**Tenderers are advised to request an acknowledgement of receipt of their email.**

**13.** **Disclaimer**

The issue of this documentation does not commit Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre to award any contract pursuant to the tender process or enter into a contractual relationship with any provider of the service. Nothing in the documentation or in any other communications made between Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre or its agents and any other party, or any part thereof, shall be taken as constituting a contract, agreement or representation between Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre and any other party (save for a formal award of contract made in writing by Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre or on behalf of Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre).

Tenderers must obtain for themselves, at their own responsibility and expense, all information necessary for the preparation of their tender responses. Information supplied to the tenderers by Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre or any information contained in Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre’s publications is supplied only for general guidance in the preparation of the tender response. Tenderers must satisfy themselves by their own investigations as to the accuracy of any such information and no responsibility is accepted by Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre for any loss or damage of whatever kind and howsoever caused arising from the use by tenderers of such information.

Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre reserves the right to vary or change all or any part of the basis of the procedures for the procurement process at any time or not to proceed with the proposed procurement at all.

Cancellation of the procurement process (at any time) under any circumstances will not render Exploration Situation Ltd T/A The Tide Climbing Centre liable for any costs or expenses incurred by tenderers during the procurement process.