



The Coal
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Polkemmet Refurbishment – Semi- Passive dosing test work

Invitation to Tender

Procurement guidance & supporting information

CA18/2/1/32



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Overview

Contractual References

This tender will be associated with Coal Authority reference CA18/2/1/32

The Authority wishes to appoint a contractor to quantify the effect of hydrogen peroxide dosage rate on iron oxidation rate and net iron removal rate within the actual mine water. Net-removal includes the settlement of precipitated solids from the water column. Vessels of ~1.0m height (or greater) are required to capture the aggregated effects. This is to be achieved using a modified IBC to conduct "jar-tests" on a 1,000L scale.

The conditions of contract are the core clauses of the NEC3 Professional Services Short Contract April 2013 with additional conditions of contract.

Indicative Timetable

Below is detailed the indicative timetable of the procurement process.

Task	Date
Invitation to Tender published	16 April 2019
Site visit	8 May 2019
Tender Period Closes	24 May 2019

Site Visit

Interested parties are invited to visit the Polkemmet site for an escorted inspection on

8 May 2019 at 1000 hrs

Please confirm your attendance at this visit by way of a message on the Coal Authority's e-sourcing portal.

Please also confirm names and contact details of those attending.

Pricing

A financial ceiling will be set, based upon the appointed Contractor's financial submission. The financial ceiling will not be exceeded by the appointed Contractor without prior justification and the written authorisation of the Coal Authority's Project Manager.

Tender Return, Assessment & Criteria

The ITT Bid evaluation will be based on the technical and financial proposals within the bids and the information set out in each compliant bid

Bidders must accept the Coal Authority's terms & conditions.

The Coal Authority will reject any Bid which is not a Compliant Bid.

A Bid shall only be a compliant bid if the following documents have been completed and submitted:

- Qualification Envelope completed in the InBye e-portal
- Technical Questionnaire and Responses - Completed in the InBye e-portal

The tendering *Contractors* are to ensure that the registered contact details on the eTendering portal are correct for this process.

In order to register, please log on to <https://inbye.coal.gov.uk/s2c/> following the links and should you have any difficulties with this procedure, please contact Peter Kobryn on 01623 637302

The tender will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender and will be assessed based upon a **65% Quality and 35% Financial split**, with the quality assessment being completed prior to the financial assessment.

The documentation to be submitted is summarised.

One Quality Submission is required on the eTendering portal.

The Financial submission for the project is to be submitted on the eTendering portal.

The Evaluation of the ITT responses will be carried out in two stages.

These stages are:

- Stage One: Core Assessment;
- Stage Two: Technical Assessment.

Stage 1 - Core Assessment

The assessment at Stage 1 will comprise of a number of questions on the following topics:

- General & Organisation

- Economic & Financial & Legal Standing and Insurance
- Safety, Health & Environmental Issues

These elements will be assessed on a minimum “meets requirements” basis.

The Authority reserves the right to exclude any bid that does not meet the minimum requirements for these elements

The “meets requirements” score required in the health and safety and environmental sections of the questionnaire is 40%.

The Authority will exclude a bid from this process if it establishes that the economic operator has been convicted of any of the offences defined in Regulation 57 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015

Bids meeting requirements will then be evaluated on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender.

Your tender should be submitted on a fixed price basis and should remain open for acceptance for a period of 120 days from the closing date for the receipt of tenders.

Tenders received after the tender closing date will not be considered. Failure to comply with the provisions of these Instructions or to complete the tender document in full and without alteration may also result in the disqualification of your tender.

Your submitted tender rates and prices must be exclusive of Value Added Tax.

Quality Scoring Assessment for Stage Two

Assessment	Detail	Score
Adds Value	The evaluators are satisfied that the submission demonstrates clearly and convincingly how all the <i>Employer's</i> requirements in the area being evaluated will be delivered in an excellent way adding value	5
Meets Requirements	The evaluators are satisfied that the submission demonstrates how the <i>Employer's</i> requirements in the area being evaluated will be met to an acceptable standard.	4
Minor Concerns	The evaluators consider that the submission demonstrates how most of the <i>Employer's</i> requirements for the area being evaluated will be delivered but there are areas of minor concern.	3
Significant Concerns	The evaluators consider that the submission leaves them with significant concerns about the requirements for the area being evaluated being delivered in an acceptable manner	2
Unacceptable	Either	0

Assessment	Detail	Score
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no proposals are submitted in relation to the aspect of the proposals for delivery being evaluated, the evaluators consider that the submission fails to demonstrate how the <i>Employer's</i> requirements for the area being evaluated will be delivered or the evaluators have major reservations about the approach or solution proposed in the submission in relation to the area being evaluated 	

The Coal Authority reserves the right to deem any submission scoring a 0 or 2 for any scored question as non – compliant and as such may be excluded from consideration

Stage Two – Technical Assessment – Details

See below details, requirements and weightings for the quality elements of this tender.

Subject	Question	High Scoring Response
<p>Delivery Team Profile - 10%</p>	<p>By way of attachment, please provide the profile / history of the team which would be responsible for delivery of the Scope, demonstrating relevant experience of conducting water treatability studies / pilot plant testing in relation to the water treatment industry.</p> <p>Please limit your response to a side of A4.</p>	<p>Profile demonstrates extensive experience of completing treatability studies in the water treatment industry, preferably mine water treatment schemes.</p>
<p>Design Proposal / Methodology - 25%</p>	<p>By way of attachment please provide a design proposal and trial methodology, demonstrating the scope of works and how the expectations of the Employers' specification will be achieved.</p> <p>Please limit your response to 3 sides of A4.</p>	<p>The provided design proposal and methodology gives a significant level of detail, exceeding the requirements of the scope. No concerns with delivery of the work.</p>
<p>Case Study- 10%</p>	<p>By way of an attachment please provide three relevant case studies demonstrating how you successfully completed treatability studies / mine water testing to proceed with the outline design for treatment scheme.</p> <p>Evidence on how you would apply applicable lessons learnt and add value to</p>	<p>Provides highly detailed case studies. Demonstrates significant understanding of how lessons learnt could be applied adding value to this scope.</p>

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	<p>this scope of work is encouraged. Where possible, the case study should focus on pilot-scale treatability studies completed on Mine Water Treatment Schemes (MWTS), or similar.</p> <p>Please limit your response to 3 sides of A4.</p>	
<p>Lead Chemist or Process Engineer supervising the work - 10%</p>	<p>By way of attachment please provide the CV of the Lead Chemist / Process Engineer proposed to co-ordinate and direct the work for this project in the field.</p> <p>The CV should demonstrate relevant qualifications and project experience of delivering treatability studies / pilot plant testing where possible, on MWTS or within the water treatment industry.</p> <p>Please limit your response to 2 sides of A4.</p>	<p>CV provided demonstrates significant relevant experience and qualifications in completing treatability studies / water testing and focuses on MWTSs or equivalent.</p>
<p>Programme - 10%</p>	<p>By way of attachment provide a programme identifying key tasks and dates in relation to the scope.</p> <p>As a minimum, the following key dates should be included on the programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start date Delivery of RAMS and detail test plan Scheduled Meetings Start on site Delivery of test results Delivery of the final report <p>Please limit your response to 1 side of A3 or A4.</p>	<p>The provided programme gives a significant level of detail, No concerns with delivery of the work.</p>

Guidelines

The questionnaire should be completed by a partner/director/senior manager.

Please answer each question fully. The Authority stresses the value and importance of substantiating answers with supporting documentation when requested.

The questionnaire should be completed accurately, if successful this document will form part of the contract.

The response and supporting documents must relate specifically to the organisations policy and arrangements.

Organisations currently providing services to the Authority must provide full details as requested and not just refer to the Authority.

Assessment & Feedback

The tender submissions will be assessed in accordance with selection criteria.

The Authority will provide feedback to organisations which are not successful through the issue of a letter providing debrief information on the assessment of the tender, scoring and confirmation of the successful tenderer.

Acceptance Procedure

The Authority does not bind itself to accept your tender and will not be responsible for, nor pay for, any expenses or losses which may be incurred by you in the preparation of your tender.

It is intended that the procurement process will take place in accordance with the provisions of this ITT but The Coal Authority reserves the right to terminate, suspend, amend or vary this procurement process by notice to all potential bidders in writing.

The Coal Authority will have no liability for any losses, costs or expenses caused to bidders as a result of such termination, suspension, amendment or variation.

No tender shall be deemed to have been accepted unless such acceptance has been notified in writing to the tenderer.

Whether or not your tender is accepted, you must treat the details of all tender documents as private and confidential. If you decide not to submit a tender, you must reply that you wish to reject the tender and provide a comment why.

If you require clarification then a query through the online messaging facility should be submitted.

Declaration

We declare that this is a bona fide tender, intended to be competitive, and that we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of the tender by or under or in accordance with any agreement or arrangement with any other person.

We also declare that we have not done and we undertake that we will not do at any time before the returnable date for this tender any of the following acts:-

- (a) Communicate to a person other than the person calling for these tenders the amount or approximate amount of the proposed tender;
- (b) Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain from tendering or as to the amount of any tender to be submitted;
- (c) Offer, pay or give or agree to pay or give any sum of money or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing or having caused to be done in relation to any other tender or proposed tender for the said work any act or thing of the sort described above.

In this declaration the word 'person' includes any persons and any body or association, corporate or unincorporated; and 'any agreement or arrangement' includes any such transaction, formal or informal, and whether legally binding or not.

Appendix A – Transparency Guidance

Transparency

Government has set out the need for greater transparency across its operations to enable the public to hold public bodies and politicians to account. This includes commitments relating to public expenditure, intended to help achieve better value for money.

As part of the transparency agenda, Government has made the following commitments with regard to procurement and contracting:

- All new central government ICT contracts over the value of £10,000 to be published in full online from July 2010.
- All new central government tender documents for contracts over £10,000 to be published on a single website from September 2010, with this information to be made available to the public free of charge.
- All new central government contracts over the value of £10,000 to be published in full from January 2011.
- New items of central government spending over £25,000 to published online from November 2010.

Suppliers and those organisations looking to bid for public sector contracts should be aware that if they are awarded a new Government contract, the resulting contract between the supplier and Government will be published. In some circumstances, limited redactions will be made to some contracts before they are published in order to comply with existing law and for the protection of national security.

The publication of information incorporates but is not limited to the following documentation/information. This will cover potential contract extensions and orders placed against a framework or term contract.

Contracts: contract, specification, terms and conditions, schedules and pricing – issued by both the tenderer and the Authority.

Tenders: invitation to tender, specification, terms and conditions, prequalification questionnaires, OJEU notices – issued by the Authority.

Spending: summary of invoice information in relation to payments made and includes invoice values – submitted by suppliers.