

Our ref: OJEU 2019/S 151-371494



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NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

Dear Carl,

GROUND INVESTIGATION FRAMEWORK CONTRACT
OJEU 2019/S 151-371494
REGIONAL LOT 2 – NORTH

Further to my standstill letter dated 12 May 2020, I am pleased to inform you that we are now in a position to move to contract award. Your tender ranked  highest for this lot.

Your Tender, as amended by the following documents, and when incorporated into the enclosed Form of Agreement, will form a binding contract between yourselves and Highways England.

- Tender Amendment No 1 issued 15 November 2019
- Tender Amendment No 2 issued 22 November 2019
- Tender Amendment No 3 issued 28 November 2019
- Tender Amendment No 4 issued 02 December 2019
- Post Tender Amendment No 1 issued 04 February 2020
- Post Tender Amendment No 2 issues 03 April 2020
- Post Tender Amendment No 3 issues 21 May 2020

I am attaching a copy of the Form of Agreement deed in respect of the above named Lot for execution.

Instructions for Deed signature:

1. Can you arrange for **two** copies of this Deed to be printed
2. The two copies should then be signed by two representatives of your organisation.

3. After which the copies need to be scanned and uploaded back via Bravo by 3pm 19th June 2020.

By executing and returning the deeds, you acknowledge that any documents and information submitted by you as part of your Tender or for verification purposes, represent your proposals for meeting Highways England's requirements, but do not in any way override or modify those requirements. You will remain liable to comply with all the obligations set out in the documents forming part of the contract. You will not be relieved from compliance with these obligations by any:

- (a) Due diligence or sustainability check carried out by Highways England on any part of your Tender;
- (b) Evidence, assumptions or other information provided by you with your Tender or for the purposes set out in paragraph (a) above; or
- (c) Clarification requested by Highways England and provided by you (whether orally or in writing) as part of the assessment process.

Please treat the contents of this letter as strictly confidential until Highways England makes a public announcement about the award of the contract. I should also remind you at this time of the requirements of section 1.1.4 of the Instructions for Tenderers, as it relates to Confidentiality, the relevant extract is reproduced below. In the light of recent cases where there has been press reporting in advance of contract award or announcement it is especially important that these conditions are adhered to and that full confidentiality is maintained.

1.1.4. The content of these instructions and of any other documentation sent to tenderers in respect of this tender process are provided on the basis that they remain the property of Highways England. Tenderers must not release information concerning the tender documents for publication, in the press or on radio, television, screen or any other medium. Tenderers must not disclose the fact that they are tendering or release details of the tender documents, other than on an "in confidence" basis to those who have a legitimate need to know or whom they need to consult for the purpose of preparing their tender response. If tenderers are unable or unwilling to comply with this requirement they are required to destroy these instructions and all associated documents immediately and not to retain any electronic or paper copies. Tenderers are required to conduct themselves in good faith in all dealings in relation to this tender process.

Thank you once again for your involvement in this competition and we look forward to working with your company.

Finally, please acknowledge your understanding of the contents of this letter via a Bravo message reply to the Procurement Officer, Ravi Sharma.

Yours sincerely,



Sharon Cuff.
Procurement Director.