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Date: Via the portal.

**Market Engagement Notice**

**Highways and Transport Services**

**Framework Contract 2025**

**London Borough of Ealing**

**and**

**open to all other London local government authorities (31 other boroughs and the City of London)**

**Ref: 232577HE**

**About this market engagement exercise**

Ealing Council are seeking suitably skilled and experienced organisations to
tender for the works detailed below within each borough. Interested parties
should also note this Framework Contract will be open and can be accessed
by all London local government authorities, that is, all 31 other London Boroughs and the City of London Corporation. Please note that any reference to “Borough” in this brief should be taken to include the City of London, which is not a Borough.

We recognise the significant contribution our contractors and consultants make in realising our goals, objectives, and the safety and well-being of our Residents.

This briefing document, pertains to future contracting for Highways and Transport Services Framework Contract 2025:

##### **LOT 1 Bridge Management, £250,000 per annum and per borough**

The Service Provider/Consultant will be responsible for scheduling and carrying out a programme of General and Principal Inspections of the Council’s Bridges. The Service Provider/Consultant will be provided with the existing programme of inspections and shall use this to develop their own four-year schedule of general (two-yearly) and principal (six-yearly) inspections. These inspections shall be carried out in line with the relevant Department for Transport Standards. The resulting inspection reports shall be uploaded to BridgeStation. The Council will provide access to BridgeStation.

The Service Provider/Consultant shall also carry out Special Inspections as and when required and will be reimbursed on a pro rata basis for this.

The Service Provider / Consultant shall prioritise any necessary works arising from inspections into three categories: high, medium and low, and estimate costs for the works. Any design works arising from the inspections will be categorised and carried out as part of Lot 1 (this Lot).

**Please note: Only 1 supplier will be able to win Lot 1**

##### **LOT 2 Condition Surveys including Asset Management £250,000 per annum and per borough**

The Service Provider/Consultant shall arrange an annual inspection of the Highway Network to establish a prioritised condition rating for all footways and carriageways in accordance with the directions issued by the Employer. This survey shall be used to determine annual and four-year rolling programmes of structural maintenance and provide an annual condition index of the network. The 2024 Condition Survey will be used as a base year against which subsequent condition indices will be calculated. Inspections are to be in accordance with United Kingdom Pavement Management System (UKPMS) or equivalent.

The Service Provider/Consultant shall also prepare an asset management strategy as part of Lot 2 (this Lot), to assist the Council in prioritising any necessary work to ensure a high-quality highway network.

**Please note: Only 1 supplier will be able to win Lot 2**

##### **LOT 3 General Engineering, £1 million per annum and per borough per supplier**

The Service Provider / Consultant shall provide a range of general engineering services, detailed fully in the Specification for this Lot, and including the following:

* Accident and Other Studies
* Highways Management
* Traffic Management
* Road Safety Engineering and Audit
* Parking Policy
* Traffic Order Making
* Highways Engineering
* Highways Maintenance
* Structural / Civil Engineering
* Asset Management
* Utilities and Drainage
* Transport Planning
* Engagement including public exhibitions
* Urban Design / Public Realm
* Healthy Streets and Placemaking
* Technical Administration
* Construction (Design and Management) (CDM)
* Health and Safety Advice

**Please note: 5 suppliers will be able to win Lot 3**

**LOT 4 Flood Management, £500,000 per annum and per borough**

The Service Provider / Consultant shall provide a range of flood risk management services, detailed fully in the Specification for this Lot, and including the following:

* Assistance in maintaining and monitoring Ealing’s Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
* Call-off flood risk management support
* Flood risk assessments
* Project management
* Planning applications
* SuDS designs
* Flood risk management consultant secondment

These services relate to Ealing’s duties as a Lead Local Flood Authority under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, and general Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) related matters.

**Please note: 2 suppliers will be able to win Lot 4**

Each of the above Lots will cover the provision of various services for Ealing Council. All contracts under all Lots will be issued for a term of 4 years with no extensions.

Bidders will be allowed to bid for all 4 Lots and may win multiple Lots, however, contracts will not be combined together. For the avoidance of doubt, a bidder that wins multiple Lots will be awarded separate contracts for each Lot won.

**The purpose of the market engagement exercise is to:**

* issue prior notice to the market of a future intention to advertise an opportunity which may be of interest to contractors

This exercise is a precursor to a formal procurement procedure expected to be advertised by Ealing and will help suppliers to prepare for the tender process later in the year. A subsequent competitive tendering procedure which will follow will be advertised and run compliant with the Procurement Act 2023.

**About Ealing Council**

Ealing Council’s Council Plan sets out an ambitious vision for the borough while managing the challenges faced. It demonstrates how the council will work with residents, partner organisations, businesses, the voluntary sector and staff to make Ealing an even better place to live, work and visit.

The Council Plan identifies the council’s three cross cutting strategic objectives. The table below sets out how a well-maintained highway network helps to achieve these, as the public highway is fundamental to all activity in the borough.

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| Council’s strategic objectives  | How Highways helps deliver these |
| Creating good jobs - returning good well-paid jobs to our borough and delivering the next generation of genuinely affordable homes | Improving transport links through and across the borough, especially for sustainable modes and for orbital journeys (that is, not just radial trips into Central London) will help local residents access jobs, and help local employers attract employees |
| Tackling the climate crisis - cleaning our air and ensuring the borough we build is sustainable | All highways and transport schemes have a key priority of improving active and sustainable travel, ensuring that transport emissions, road safety and personal security issues are looked at and addressed. Providing better sustainable options will help to reduce carbon emissions from transport. |
| Fighting inequality - that blights too many lives and disproportionately holds back all too many people from achieving their dreams and aspirations | Better transport means that local people will have easier and safer access to education, health and other key services. Highways schemes also aim to improve accessibility for people with disabilities and people without access to a car. |

**There is policy and strategy commitment within the council to:**

1. Promote the engagement and use of local sub-contractors and supply chain to benefit the Ealing community.
2. Meet Ealing’s carbon reduction strategy and carbon reductions
3. Specify minimal waste production, recycling, and use of sustainable resources
4. Pay (real) London Living Wage.
5. demonstrate a tangible approach to delivering social value

**About the Pre- Market Engagement Notice**

This Pre Market Engagement is being initiated in connection with an associated Pre Market Engagement Notice. The Pre Market Engagement pertains to a future contract opportunity which will be advertised in its own right in due course. For the avoidance of doubt this Pre Market Engagement, is not a call for competition, or a request to express interest in bidding for work.

**In Preparation**

To prepare yourself for the future contract opportunity you must register with **both** the

* **Central Digital Platform:** <https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register>

and with

* **Atamis**<https://ealinglbc-atamis.my.site.com/login>

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