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**UK-Runcorn: motor vehicles
2012/S 146-243977**

Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

Halton Housing Trust
Daresbury Point, Green Wood Drive, Manor Park,
WA7 1UG Runcorn
UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.haltonhousing.org>

Further information can be obtained from:

Sector Treasury Services Ltd,
Innovation Court, New Street,
For the attention of: Anne Bowen
RG21 7JB Basingstoke,
UNITED KINGDOM

Telephone: +44 1256383797

E-mail: abowen@sector-group.com

Fax: +44 1256383813

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

Sector Treasury Services Ltd,
Innovation Court, New Street,
RG21 7JB Basingstoke,
UNITED KINGDOM

Telephone: +44 1256383797

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Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:

Sector Treasury Services Ltd,
Innovation Court, New Street,
RG21 7JB Basingstoke,
UNITED KINGDOM

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I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.3) Main activity

Housing and community amenities

I.4) **Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) **Description**

II.1.1) **Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**

Contract Hire of Cars and Light Commercial Vehicles up to 7.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight.

II.1.2) **Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Supplies

Lease

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Throughout the United Kingdom.

NUTS code UK

II.1.3) **Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) **Information on framework agreement**

Framework agreement with several operators

maximum number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged: 6

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 4

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 20 000 000,00 and 100 000 000,00 GBP

II.1.5) **Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

A framework agreement for the contract hire of cars (electric, petrol, diesel, hybrid and hydrogen) and light commercial vehicles (electric, petrol, diesel, hybrid and hydrogen) up to 7.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight.

The quantities and types of vehicles required by Halton Housing Trust and other contracting bodies who are eligible to access the framework will be determined over the course of the contract.

Hire periods will vary from an expected minimum of 3 years to an expected maximum of 6 years.

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

34100000, 34110000, 34111000, 34113000, 34114400, 34120000, 34130000, 34131000, 34134000, 34136000

II.1.7) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

II.1.8) **Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2) **Quantity or scope of the contract**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**

The nature of the contract is in respect of a framework agreement for the contract hire of cars and light commercial vehicles up to 7.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight. The Registered Provider is leading this collaborative procurement. Whilst no business is guaranteed via a framework agreement, Contracting Authorities who are eligible to use the framework are listed within the following web sites:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/edubase/search.xhtml?page=>,
<http://www.schoolswebdirectory.co.uk/stats.php>,
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_universities_in_the_United_Kingdom#universities_alphabetically,
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_law_enforcement_agencies_in_the_United_Kingdom,
<http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/showcharity/registerofcharities/registerhomepage.aspx?&=&>,
http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/Localcouncils/AToZOfLocalCouncils/DG_A-Z_LG,
<http://www.accessplace.com/housing-association>,
<http://www.wales.gov.uk/?lang=en>,
<http://www.llgc.org.uk/>,
<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/az2.htm>,
<http://www.police-information.co.uk/police-directory/index.php?cat=6&subcat=29>,
<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>,
http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/about/citizens_advice_offices.htm,
http://www.sporta.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=categories&id=14&Itemid=140,
<http://www.pbni.org.uk>,
<http://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/locations/index.asp>,
<http://home.scotland.gov.uk/home>,
<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AcuteTrustListing.aspx>,
<http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/organisations/index.aspx>,
<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/ourservices/directory>,
<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/PrimaryCareTrustListing.aspx>,
<http://www.uk-click.co.uk/health/nhs-primary-care-trusts.html>,
http://www.uk-click.co.uk/health/nhs_trusts.html,
<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/MentalHealthTrustListing.aspx>,
<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CareTrustListing.aspx>,
<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/StrategicHealthAuthorityListing.aspx>,
<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/SpecialHealthAuthorityListing.aspx>,
<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/OtherListing.aspx>,
http://www.uk-click.co.uk/health/nhs_trusts.html,
<http://www.monitor-nhsft.gov.uk/about-nhs-foundation-trusts/nhs-foundation-trust-directory?letter=AllFT>,
<http://www.housingnet.co.uk/index.php>

All current and future members of The Procurement Partnership Ltd's (TPPL) procurement club. Details of current members of TPPL can be found at http://www.tppl.co.uk/cars_lcvs/clients.htm.

Sector Treasury Services Ltd (Sector), a major provider of advisory services to the UK Public sector, intends to use this framework to enable its clients to procure vehicles on the basis of a contract hire facility. Sector will provide details of the framework agreement and market the framework to its clients.

It is envisaged that up to 6 participants will be awarded the contract.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 20 000 000,00 and 100 000 000,00 GBP

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3) Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:

III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:

As specified within the tender documentation.

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:

Joint and several liability in any group bid.

III.1.4) Other particular conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: As detailed in the tender documentation.

III.2) Conditions for participation

III.2.1) Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As detailed in the tender documentation.

Any Contractor or a Contractor which intends to use Sub-Contractors to undertake a role in the performance of this framework agreement or those who represent the controlling mind of the company which have been convicted of any offence detailed within Regulation 23 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (as amended by SI 2011 No: 2053), which implements Article 45 (1) of the 2004 EU Public Sector Procurement Directive, which are unspent, will be excluded and not considered.

Any supplier may be disqualified who has been convicted of:

(a) conspiracy within the meaning of section 1 or 1A of the Criminal Law Act 1977(a) or article 9 or 9A of the Criminal Attempts and Conspiracy (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(b) where that conspiracy relates to participation in a criminal organisation as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA(c);

(b) corruption within the meaning of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act 1889(d) or section 1 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1906(e), where the offence relates to active corruption;

(c) the offence of bribery, where the offence relates to active corruption;

(ca) bribery within the meaning of section 1 or 6 of the Bribery Act 2010(f);

(d) fraud, where the offence relates to fraud affecting the European Communities' financial interests as defined by Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities(g), within the meaning of—

(i) the offence of cheating the Revenue;

(ii) the offence of conspiracy to defraud;

(iii) fraud or theft within the meaning of the Theft Act 1968(h), the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(i), the Theft Act 1978(j) or the Theft (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(k);

(iv) fraudulent trading within the meaning of section 458 of the Companies Act 1985(a), article 451 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(b) or section 993 of the Companies Act 2006(c);

(v) fraudulent evasion within the meaning of section 170 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979(d) or section 72 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994(e);

(vi) an offence in connection with taxation in the European Union within the meaning of section 71 of the Criminal Justice Act 1993(f);

- (vii) destroying, defacing or concealing of documents or procuring the execution of a valuable security within the meaning of section 20 of the Theft Act 1968(g) or section 19 of the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(h);
- (viii) fraud within the meaning of section 2, 3 or 4 of the Fraud Act 2006(i); or (ix) making, Adapting, supplying or offering to supply articles for use in frauds within the meaning of section 7 of the Fraud Act 2006;
- (e) money laundering within the meaning of section 340(11) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002(j);
- (ea) an offence in connection with the proceeds of criminal conduct within the meaning of section 93A, 93B or 93C of the Criminal Justice Act 1988(k) or article 45, 46 or 47 of the Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(l);
- (eb) an offence in connection with the proceeds of drug trafficking within the meaning of section 49, 50 or 51 of the Drug Trafficking Act 1994(m); or.
- (f) any other offence within the meaning of Article 45(1) of the Public Sector Directive as defined by the national law of any relevant State.

The Contractors who are not disqualified in accordance with the above grounds shall be evaluated on the qualification criteria which take into account the technical knowledge and experience, capability / capacity, organisational and financial standing of the Contractor and are in accordance with Regulations 23-26 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (as amended by SI 2011 No: 2053). A shortlist of Contractors will be drawn up and they will be eligible to participate further in the procurement process.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Assessment by a recognised credit reference agency. Further details to be issued by a subsequent notice.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: a) Satisfactory credit rating. Further details to be issued by a subsequent notice.

b) Liability Insurance Cover of £5 million for any single occurrence.

c) No litigation or other legal proceedings, proportionate and relevant to this procurement, found against the Contractor within the previous 3 years.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

As detailed in the tender documentation.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

The Contractor shall not sub-contract any business awarded under this Agreement.

III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**

III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

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Restricted

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

Envisaged minimum number 7: and maximum number 12

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Economic and financial capacity, technical capacity and track record of delivering similar contracts.

- IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**
- IV.2) **Award criteria**
- IV.2.1) **Award criteria**
- IV.2.2) **Information about electronic auction**
An electronic auction will be used: no
- IV.3) **Administrative information**
- IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**
- IV.3.2) **Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**
no
- IV.3.3) **Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**
Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 28.8.2012
Payable documents: no
- IV.3.4) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**
28.8.2012
- IV.3.5) **Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**
- IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**
English.
- IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**
- IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening tenders**

Section VI: Complementary information

- VI.1) **Information about recurrence**
This is a recurrent procurement: yes
Estimated timing for further notices to be published: In 4 years time at the end of this framework.
- VI.2) **Information about European Union funds**
The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no
- VI.3) **Additional information**
The contracting Registered Provider is purchasing on behalf of other contracting bodies.
- VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**
- VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**
- VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**
Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: The Registered Provider will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows successful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the Registered Provider before the contract is entered into. Such information should be requested from the address in Section I.1. If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not successfully been resolved the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (SI 2006 No 5) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly. Where a contract has not been entered into the court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the Registered Provider to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the court may only award damages.
- VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

27.7.2012