

iESE and LWARB launch second stage of UK's first major Waste Management Services Framework by inviting suppliers to tender

With a potential contract value of £1.7 billion, 24 suppliers are now being invited to tender, for consideration to be named 'Framework Contractors.'

Set to generate collective savings of £85 million over the four year life of the framework, it is being procured on behalf of 141 named authorities and will appoint a number of contractors that are capable of delivering a range of service solutions in a cost effective way.

Cllr Paul Bettison, Chairman of iESE said 'With waste management accounting for over £3billion of public sector spend annually, the framework will start to leverage savings for both councils and contractors in the procurement process, and ultimately lead to more effective services'.

The procurement is managed by iESE (formerly Improvement and Efficiency South East), working in partnership with the London Waste and Recycling Board (LWARB), and with assistance of Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP), West Midlands IEP and Keep Britain Tidy (KBT).

Dr Andrew Larnar, Managing Director of iESE said 'iESE has a track record for reshaping the main markets for local authority spend. The Waste Framework continues that tradition and will compliment our existing transformation support for individual authorities.'

The range of services to be offered by the Framework fall under four different categories of recycling and waste collection, street cleansing, ground maintenance and bulky waste collection. The Framework will utilise seven lots, which will enable local authorities to call off the combination of services they require from the categories above.

Once in place, the Framework will be 'Open' for four years from April 2012 for use by the named authorities, who can place call-off contracts individually or in partnership, appointing a single contractor for up to 10 years.

Local Authorities recognise the benefits that the Framework presents and "early adopter authorities" are working with iESE and partners to get ready for going to mini-competition in May 2012. The Framework will provide the potential to shape the waste management market by developing a solution that will provide value for money, benchmarked service costs and economies of scale from the market.

James Cleverly, Chair of LWARB said 'With waste management being one of the four highest spend areas for local government, in the current financial climate it is becoming more important to make savings wherever possible, whilst maintaining a high level of service. This Framework provides transparency of contract costs for local authorities making it easier for benchmarking purposes. It will allow boroughs to realise real financial and time saving benefits from the process of procuring waste related services whilst also delivering reduced service costs.'

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Notes to editors

- iESE is a not for profit, public sector owned organisation which provides high quality, sustainable solutions to the challenges faced by councils and other organisations delivering local public services. Building on a track record of delivering cashable savings for councils and having evolved from the South East Regional Improvement and Efficiency Strategy (RIEP), iESE aims to accelerate the pace of transformation through our trusted expertise and knowledge of the sector throughout the country. Find out more

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- LWARB, chaired by James Cleverly, Assembly Member, working in conjunction with the Mayor of London and London Councils, has a budget made up of money from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) to improve waste management in the capital. For more information on LWARB visit www.lwarb.gov.uk
- Framework Agreement: This is the four year agreement between the procuring authority (Tandridge District Council) and the suppliers of the services for each of the seven Lots, these suppliers will be defined as Framework Contractors for each Lot and will be able to be approached by procuring authorities for provision of service at any time in these four years to deliver a framework contract.
- Stage one of the Framework is now complete, following a notice listed on the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) website calling for contractors to express an interest and complete the relevant documentation. There was a great interest from contractors across the four regions, with 24 organisations qualifying following submission of a prequalification questionnaire. These 24 suppliers are now being invited to tender, for consideration to be named 'Framework Contractors'.
- The Framework Call-off Contracts: these are the contracts signed by the winning Framework Contractor and a procuring authority following a mini competition process. The mini competition process allows a procuring authority to invite Framework Contractors to provide a quote for the service to be provided under that Lot, without needing to go through the full OJEU process and will a degree of certainty on price and service provision. The successful framework contractor and the procuring authority will be able to sign a contract with a length of up to 10 years. The framework would specify a standard set of terms and conditions for call-offs and an output specification to ensure councils were given the best possible solution by the industry, at the best price. The framework will be managed by iESE with a reciprocal commercial arrangement being envisaged between iESE and the Framework contractors.