Lot 4 - Infrastructure Planning

1.0 General

Cumbria County Council and other Public Sector Partners (*The Employer*) in Cumbria, intend to set up a Framework Contract to provide Infrastructure Planning consultancy services for a diverse range of projects.

During the lifetime of the Framework Agreement *Framework Users* may call off Consultants from the Framework to provide services in relation to a particular project or projects. The scope of services could be wide ranging in nature from providing early project advice and services including surveys and reports on The *Framework User's* proposals to providing project delivery from inception to completion. Consultants will be appointed under the call off terms and conditions of the Framework Agreement.

The services detailed below are an outline of the perceived scope of the services required by *The Framework Users*; however a specific project Scope of Services will be prepared by the commissioning officer for each individual piece of work/project and services additional to those outlined below may be included within the Scope of Services.

Although services will be commissioned by the Framework Users, the Consultants may from time to time be required to act for The Framework User in partnership with other entities both in the public and private sector on projects part funded by the Framework User. For the avoidance of any doubt the Framework User and the Consultant will be the parties to the Contract.

This scope applies to both sub lots. Tenderers may wish to submit bids so that they may provide services under one or both sub-lots of this Framework.

2.0 Objectives of the Services

The Councils Vision is:

"To be an effective and efficient organisation that delivers the best possible services for the people of Cumbria within its available resources, protects the vulnerable, and works with others in the community to shape services and help find solutions for the future."

The key objectives expected via the Framework Agreement are as set out below:

to assist the Council to achieve its aims under the Council Plan, e.g. –
To promote sustainable economic growth, and create jobs and, to be a
modern and efficient council and to provide a safe and well managed
highways network, secure infrastructure improvements and support local
economic
growth.

- to form an effective partnership in all projects in the pursuit of best value and efficiency savings in all projects.
- to promote the principles of Construction Excellence including all aspects of procurement, design, delivery, sustainability and continuous improvement.
- to ensure that in relation to each commission that the statutory obligations of *The Employer* are met.

3.0 Scope of the services

Typically (but not exclusively) consultancy services will be required to deliver the following range of services and projects, which are managed and delivered by the Council's Infrastructure Planning Team:

- Infrastructure Planning
- Transport Planning
- Transport Modelling
- Economic Appraisal
- Economic Development
- Local Plans
- Town Planning advice
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Project and Programme Management

The work of the team is described in more detail on the Council's website as follows: https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/planning-environment/infrastructureplanning/

The intention of Lot 4 is to enable the single engagement of a consultant to deliver all or any stage of a project. It is expected that all sub-consultants and sub-contractors required to fulfil a particular commission under the Professional Services Framework will be engaged by, and work through, the lead consultant.

The range of services listed is intended to give scope to achieve this.

4.0 Services Required

Typically (but not exclusively) the services will include:

- Infrastructure Planning
 - Responding to major development proposals including Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs), including identification of infrastructure requirements and impact mitigation
 - Feasibility studies
 - Business case development

- Scheme development
- Scheme appraisal
- Master planning
- Property and quantity surveying advice

Transport Planning

- Strategy development
- Transport studies
- Project brief and specification development
- Project and events

Transport Modelling

- Development and review of transport models (e.g. assignment models, demand models, microsimulation models and junction models)
- Forecasting using transport models
- Data collection for updating transport models
- Data analysis

Economic Appraisal

- Economic Impact Assessment
- Cost benefit analysis
- Project appraisal (compliant with Green Book)

• Economic Development

- Support economic development opportunities
- Development of funding bids and grant applications
- Support delivery of the LEP's Strategic Economic Plan

Local Plans

- Infrastructure planning to inform Local Plans
- Town Planning Advice
- Environmental Impact Assessments
- Project Management and Programme Management