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Date: 13th December 2017

Our ref: RFI – 171189

Your ref:

Dear Mr Kewin,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your Request for Information concerning information on a winning tender.

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on the 21st November 2017 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to the Information on winning tender.

Please see response below you were seeking to the following question(s).

Question

Dear Sunderland City Council,

Please could you provide a copy of the winning tender for the recent award of a contract Kitchen Ductwork Cleaning (https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/bb1b0113-66c8-4ce2-a875-e2c5047231b5?p=@RPT0=NjJNT08=UFQxUIR))?

Please could you also provide a copy of the losing submission? I do not wish to see any commercially sensitive data or any details of costing, so please redact such details accordingly.

Response

The procurement exercise for the 'Provision Kitchen Ductwork Cleaning' was carried out using the open quotation procedure. The Council received thirty nine expressions of interest for this opportunity; the expressions of interest resulted in fifteen submissions.

To successfully action your request the Council would first need to locate, retrieve and review these fifteen submissions and all supporting information and contract documents (200+) before liaising with all bidders regarding their confidential / commercially sensitive information.

As the submissions and supporting documents include numerous large documents and additional zip files it would take a Council officer on average 5-7 minutes to identify, open and review a single document.

If we assume all documents take just 5 minutes to review this would equate to almost 17 hours for this initial work alone. As such we are unable to respond to of your request as it is currently phrased as the time taken to do so would be over the fees limit.

I hope this is satisfactory. If, however, you are dissatisfied with our response to your request for information, you may request a further review. This will be removed from the Directorate and coordinated by the Council's Information Manager. A request for further

review should be addressed to the Information Manager, PO Box 100, Civic Centre, Sunderland, SR2 7DN.

If this fails to resolve your concerns then you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours sincerely

Paul Davies
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