

Approval to Use the Transport Technology and Associated Services (TTAS) Framework procured by Crown Commercial Services (CCS)

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Report of: Highways Procurement and UTMC

Report to: Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

The Traffic Management Technology 2 (TMT2) Framework procured by Crown Commercial Service (CCS) has now expired (31/10/2021) and has been replaced by the Transport Technology and Associated Services (TTAS) Framework.

Leeds City Council (LCC) previously used the TMT2 Framework to procure various specialist technology equipment available from the different lots and E-Catalogue. LCC require access to the new TTAS framework to continue to compliantly purchase the specialist UTMC equipment required.

Recommendations

- a) The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is asked to approve the use of the Transport Technology and Associated Services (TTAS) Framework to 05 October 2023 with the provision to extend by 2 further 12-month periods until 05 October 2025.

What is this report about?

- 1 The TTAS Framework provides central government, UK wider public sector and UK Public sector Arm's length bodies with transport related technology and replaces the TMT2 agreement.
- 2 It has increased the scope of this agreement over 7 lots to include the following products and services: transport engineering and design services, cameras including Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), CCTV and speed, transport signage, pedestrian management and control systems, intelligent transport systems (such as, geographic, asset and environmental management and monitoring systems), sustainable transport technologies (such as Clean Air Zone and Carbon Net Zero initiatives, environmental monitoring equipment and electric vehicle charging solutions), transport gate systems (hardware and software).
- 3 It also includes a catalogue which you can use to buy low value and low complexity goods and services. For example, cameras and associated services.

- 4 LCC use the above systems and specialist technology equipment in its Urban Traffic Management Control (UTMC) department. LCC require access to the TTAS Framework as such systems/equipment cannot be delivered within the Council or through existing partnerships.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 5 The Framework will enable Leeds City Council to use a catalogue (Lot 7) for low value, low volume goods. The issue of more complex Task Orders will be subject to a further competition process invited through the framework contracts as and when required. The mini-competition process within each Lot will, given the large number of available suppliers, enable the Council to achieve best value for money by applying a quality/price evaluation criterion. Lot 7 will allow direct award for fixed price commodities based on price with the catalogue providing transparency of costs.
- 6 LCC will also seek to use the Framework to deliver the supply and installation of Variable Message Signs (VMS) as well as maintenance and support of the VMS if possible.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 7 The benefits of using the TTAS Framework are that it offers great value to LCC through strengthening natural competition and value for money, this is part of the Best City Ambition. It offers standardised call-off contracts for customers to use, larger set of transport technology products and services compared to earlier iterations.
- 8 It hosts a range of suppliers who are familiar with and are up to date with governments Carbon Net Zero (CNZ) and Clean Air Zones (CAZ) requirements.
- 9 The Framework has access to 77 market leading suppliers, 47% of which are Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs).

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: N/A

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 10 An equality, diversity, cohesion and integration screening has been undertaken and confirms that a full impact assessment is not required as the proposals are only seeking to use the TTAS Framework and will therefore have no impact on protected equality characteristics.

What are the resource implications?

- 11 CCS have undertaken a competitive tender exercise and the suppliers selected for the framework offer the best value. A good selection of suppliers in each lot will help to achieve best value for money through the further competition process. An online catalogue provides transparency of costs.
- 12 LCC estimates spending less than £160k per annum over the potential 3-year period including extensions.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 13 Not approving the use of the TTAS Framework would mean LCC would have to procure separate contracts with the associated costs involved therein. It could also affect delivery of highways schemes and other major investment programmes.

What are the legal implications?

- 14 This is not a key decision and will not be subject to Call In. The value of goods, services or works that LCC will procure through the Framework in any year will not exceed £160,000. If the Framework is extended by 2 further 12-month periods until 05 October 2025, this would be under £480,000.00 for the 3 years.
- 15 TTAS uses the Public Sector Contract (PSC) terms and conditions.
- 16 LCC Procurement and Legal services have confirmed that the procurement has been carried out in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and is lawful for Leeds to use.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 17 LCC would have to procure their own Framework or carry out individual tender exercises every time it required the necessary equipment. This would not be a productive use of resources when there is a Framework already in place and available to use.
- 18 Using the Framework is an efficient use of Council resources and will provide a cost-effective method of procuring the various specialist technology equipment.

How will success be measured?

- 19 Success will be measured over the life of the Framework Agreement and how efficient it is.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

- 20 The Framework is available to use as and when required.

Appendices

- 21 None.

Background papers

- 22 None.