

Report for Authority to Tender for Yorkshire Highway Alliance Supply of Coated Materials, Ready-mix Concrete and Aggregates Framework 2025 to 2029

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Report of: Assistant Engineer Procurement

Report to: Chief Officer, Highways & Transportation

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

This report seeks the approval of the Chief Officer, Highways and Transportation to tender and evaluate the Supply of Coated Materials, Ready-mix Concrete and Aggregates framework on behalf of the Yorkshire Highway Alliance from 2025 to 2029 following the expiration of the current contract on 31st March 2025.

Re-tendering for this contract will ensure that the Highways & Transportation Service can continue to repair and maintain its highway network.

Recommendations

- a) The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to approve the recommendation to tender for the Yorkshire Highway Alliance (YHA) Supply of Coated Materials, Ready-mix Concrete and Aggregates Framework 2025 to 2029 using the evaluation criteria and specification within the contract documents to assess submitted tenders.

What is this report about?

- 1 The current YHA Supply of Coated Materials, Ready-mix Concrete and Aggregates framework expires on 31st March 2025 with no option to extend for a further period of time. A new framework is to replace the existing framework to ensure continuity of supply.
- 2 As part of the collaborative working across the YHA on procurement it was recognised that a single combined framework for the Supply of Coated Materials, Ready Mixed Concrete and Aggregates for the YHA would provide the best value for all the districts.
- 3 The framework Pricing Schedule will be split into the following Lots with separate prices for each listed Authority:
 - Lot 1 – Bituminous Coated materials
 - Lot 2 – Ready-mix Concrete
 - Lot 3 – Aggregates
 - Lot 4 – Bitumen Emulsion

Lot 5 – Cement

Lot 6 – Additional Processes

- 4 All compliant tenderers will be appointed to the framework subject to submitting a complaint Standard Selection Questionnaire and Social Value commitment.
- 5 Tenderers will be able to submit rates for any of the materials listed in the pricing schedule including any proprietary products the tenderer can offer under Lot 6. Tenderers will be encouraged to offer materials that help towards carbon reduction, increased recycling and cost savings.
- 6 The Council will be able to call off from the framework as and when required from the cheapest supplier subject to availability and performance.
- 7 The total of potential value in procurement through the framework is £100,000,000 over a 4 year period dependant upon use by all eligible Authorities. This potential value also takes into account anticipated inflationary pressures.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 8 The framework will provide an efficient method of procuring these materials on behalf of Leeds City Council and other authorities within the Yorkshire Highway Alliance.

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

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 9 This framework will provide members of the Yorkshire Highway Alliance with a range of suppliers for core materials required to complete necessary highway works to ensure that our highways are safe.
- 10 The framework will mean that we can respond and react to highway issues in a timely manner, therefore reducing congestion and making sure that the city remains an accessible place to be.
- 11 As part of the tender process, suppliers will be required to commit to and fulfil social value commitments as well as demonstrate their commitment to Leeds' zero carbon ambition.
- 12 As part of the tender process, suppliers will need to demonstrate their commitment in line with EDCI requirements as set out within their Social Value commitment. EDCI screening assessment has been completed and it is not necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: n/a

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 13 Highways & Transportation colleagues and the other authorities within the Yorkshire Highway Alliance have confirmed their need for this framework to continue.

What are the resource implications?

- 14 The successful Tenderers will be given the opportunity to review their rates in accordance with the relevant Building Cost Infrastructure Service (BCIS) indices on an annual basis. Any increase will be capped in accordance with these indices, however there will be greater emphasis to encourage suppliers to offer cost savings.
- 15 The tendering of this framework will ensure that Highways and Transportation continues to have access to suppliers who can provide materials in a timely manner, and at a competitive cost. The new framework is judged to be value for money and is an effective use of council resources.

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

16 To maintain continuity on the ability to purchase these materials for service delivery it is essential that this framework agreement is awarded before the existing arrangement expires.

What are the legal implications?

17 This is a Key decision due to the value of materials that could be ordered through the framework and is subject to Call In. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. All activities relating to the proposed framework have been executed strictly in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

18 The tender of this framework is an efficient method of providing the Yorkshire Highway Alliance with access to the materials required to undertake repair and maintenance projects on the highway.

How will success be measured?

19 Success will be measured over the life of the framework and how effective the framework is in the availability and delivery of materials, as well as price.

20 The Procurement team's portfolio management colleagues will monitor the framework in order to achieve high levels of efficiency, cost effectiveness and quality to ensure maximum performance in line with the KPI targets and contract management policies of the Council. They will also liaise with the Social Value teams and the Supplier to ensure delivery on social value commitments.

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

21 The Highways Procurement team will be responsible for the procurement of and implementation of the tender, working with the Procurement and Commercial Services team, to ensure that a suitable framework is in place before the expiration of the current contract on the 31st March 2025.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - EDCI Screening document.

Background papers

- n/a