

Highways Design Consultancy

What happened before?

Historically Coventry City Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council each held long lasting contractual arrangements with single providers working in environments following a partnership mentality.

What happens now?

A joint framework is now used with two tiers to satisfy differences in the authorities' internal operating models. Tier 1 contains the Primary Supplier who will provide secondment resources to allow internal service teams to complete work programmes. Tier 2 contains two other suppliers who will be able to compete for specified projects' "work-packages".



Benefits

Savings

From the hourly rates, WCC are set to make savings in excess of £250,000 pa. CCC may make £340,000 pa savings but this is dependent on the success of Further Competitions. SMBC will not see cash savings but may make savings through Further Competition exercises.

Established Competitive Environment

The Framework allows the Authorities to segment and reorganise small to large programmes of work and run them through a competitive process which should generate savings.

A Partnership Ethos

The Framework allows Authorities to operate partnership agreements as they can utilise the Primary Consultant or run large, long term programmes of work.

Use of the NEC3 Principles

The Framework encourages the correct use of NEC3 principles which will bring process efficiencies and compliance to the contract.

Social Value

Consultants on the Framework will be encouraged to adopt the Social Value advantages they offered as part of their tender responses including two way secondments, job creation and training/apprentice opportunities.

Structured Governance

Visibility and participation of the contract goes to Head of Service level who maintain a Strategic Framework Board over the entire Framework. There are two further levels of meetings encouraging continuous communication and close monitoring of the Frameworks' use.



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