

PT8 - Tender Award Report

This document is used to summarise the procurement process



Report Title	Tower Bridge - Installation of Permanent Working at Height Controls and Fabric Improvements (Phase 1 - Resting Blocks)
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Report Date	15 th August 2022
Procurement Reference	N/A

Key Area	Outcome
Purpose of Report	To seek approval for the recommended award of contract for the provision of Installation of Permanent Working at Height Controls and Fabric Improvements (Phase 1 - Resting Blocks) at Tower Bridge
Tender Process	Sub-FTS Quotes exercise
Proposed Provider	3RS Engineering Ltd
Cost (inc. VAT)	£308,520
Potential Risks	Checks on supplier insurance, health & safety, LLW and responsible procurement have not been confirmed, however it is assumed these have been conducted by City Surveyors when sourcing the provider.

Detailed Summary

1. Summary

Details of what needs to be approved and a list of key areas covered by the report

The purpose of this report is to recommend a contractor to undertake the installation of permanent work at height controls and fabric improvements within the north and south resting block areas at Tower bridge which includes fall arrest systems, metalwork repairs, timber floorboards replacement/ modifications, and associated repairs and decorations.

2. Recommendations

Details of who the contract is to be awarded to, proposed contract term, extensions, and other relevant details

Following an exercise to seek quotes for a contractor to undertake the works, the recommendation is to award the contract to 3RS Engineering Ltd.

3. Current Service Provision

Details of current supplier, contract arrangements, expiry dates and potential exit issues.

Not applicable – there is no current service provision in place for these works.

4. Evaluation Summary

Overview of the tender process including SQ and ITT outcomes; evaluation criteria and weighting, evaluation outcomes including overview of the top 3 ranked suppliers.

The City's nominated contractors for minor works, Wates and Sykes, were both approached to submit quotes to undertake the works. Unfortunately, this proved to be a protracted process and ultimately neither supplier were able to undertake the works without sub-contracting. As a result, a quote was sought directly by City Surveyors from 3RS Engineering Ltd, who have a good understanding of Tower Bridge and have been considered by City Surveyors and Tower Bridge to be suitable to undertake the works. This satisfies the City's Procurement Code in terms of seeking 3 quotes for works of this value, however it should be noted this was not undertaken in consultation with Commercial Service.

5. Savings, efficiencies and benefits

Pricing overview, including cost type (fixed cost, schedule of rates etc) and cashable and non-cashable savings achieved.

Agreed Pre-tender Baseline:	£350,000 (initial funding request)	Contract Cost:	£308,520
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Due to a lack of quotes received it has not been possible to ascertain if the costs provided by 3RS Engineering offer value for money. To avoid additional costs and risk associated with placing this as a design and build with a single contractor we have designed this 'in-house' with consultant's input. 3RS did provide 2no options (steel or stainless steel) and following consultation the CS recommended steel which is the cheaper of the 2no options. As this is health and safety in an operational area close to water, we are not identifying savings as this has the potential to impact on quality of the improvements, although we have gone for the quote within our original funding request which have been provided for in the BHE Bridge Repairs Designated Fund.

6. Lessons Learnt

City Surveyors and Tower Bridge should consider undertaking wider market testing for future requirements. Commercial Service Team must be engaged prior to seeking quotes for future externally sourced works, in accordance with the City's Procurement Code. There is too much reliance on a select few 'specialist' suppliers who, without being market tested, are not being required to consider costs and as such it is not possible to ascertain if competitive prices are being achieved. City Surveyors / Tower Bridge should also recognise the additional checks and assurances that are completed when undertaking procurement via the Commercial Service team.

7. Contract Management Plan

Details of persons managing the contract covering roles and responsibilities of individual staff.

The contract will be managed by City Surveyors and Tower Bridge

8. Approval Sign Off

Name of Approver	Jamie Bottono
Position	Operations Manager, Tower Bridge
Date approved	17/08/2022
Approver comments	The relevant checks regarding insurance, health & safety, LLW and responsible procurement have been undertaken and will be further verified as part of the contract preparations.

9. Appendices