

EXEMPTION REPORT

This is a Request for an Exemption and Waiver to the Requirement of Competition - Contract Procedure Rules/Quotation Procedure Rules

Background

A Memorandum of Understanding has been formed between Carmarthenshire County Council, the Hywel Dda University Health Board, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board and Swansea University to - To deliver *“a transformational, innovative Wellness and Life Sciences Enterprise Zone on development land at Delta Lakes Llanelli.”*

The primary objectives of the above ‘partners’ are defined within this document and includes -

- Increasing employment opportunities
- Developing specialised skills for the workforce in the region
- Significantly improving health, wealth, education, wellbeing and inclusion, and
- Attracting investment and raising the profile of the region

Proposals are highly significant in the context of the Swansea Bay City region and could include such facilities and initiatives as - a centre of excellence for health and wellbeing, a leisure facility, business and enterprise premises, skills hub, hotel/health and tourism facilities, a primary care facility and digital ICT investments.

Proposals are directly aligned to the ARCH Project – ‘A regional collaboration for health’ – which is a visionary project promoted by Hywel Dda, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg and Swansea University to “generate a future for the people of south west Wales delivering better health, skills and economic outcomes.”

It is also confirmed the Executive Board of Carmarthenshire County Council has recently endorsed (May 2016) a 12 month ‘Lock-out’ agreement with Kent Neuro Sciences Ltd (KNS) to enable the company to work up a business case for its direct investment into the scheme.

Through the previous commissioning of consultants at Arup it is confirmed the Delta Lakes site, and the adjacent land parcels, is well defined in terms of development potential with the company having concluded a site specific master-planning exercise in 2011 on behalf of the Llanelli Waterside Joint Venture. The contents of this master-plan informing the currently adopted Local Development Plan (LDP) and the Supplementary Planning Guidance for the Strategic Site of South Llanelli.

Furthermore, Arup has recently completed a scoping report specifically for the purpose of defining the development opportunities of the Wellness and Life Sciences Village

initiative. This document providing the foundations to initiate a further and detailed exercise which is to clearly define a feasibly and sustainable project specific master-plan for re-development.

Description of Goods/Service

To produce a high quality detailed master plan for the Llanelli Wellness and Life Sciences Village project.

Aims of Goods/Service

To advise the project partners of the development opportunities which may be realised via the Llanelli Wellness and Life Sciences Village project.

To produce a revised master-plan for the south Llanelli area building upon the previous works undertaken and the documentation produced.

Request

To formally appoint Arup, Cardiff Office, to produce a revised master-plan for the south Llanelli area building upon the previous works undertaken and the documentation produced.

Reason

Arup has a significant knowledge and understanding gained through previous works undertaken.

It has produced excellent work to date with the documentation produced over recent years being the foundations to now compile a revised and project specific master-plan

Directly appointing Arup will be the most cost-effective process as any other consultant would not be able to start from the same advanced position thus re-evaluating works previously commissioned and generating unnecessary fees and the duplication of works

There will be a consistent approach with no conflict of liabilities and assurances which would be the case if another consultant was appointed. One point of responsibility and accountability will be maintained. The consultant's own Professional Indemnity Insurance would not be clouded or compromised hence providing the authority, as client, with sufficient assurance

The works are to completed within 12 months of May 2016 and therefore an immediate start is required

In order to meet project quality, cost and programme objectives a waiver to contract procedure rules, for the appointment of Arup, is essential

Controls

It is confirmed a dedicated project manager, appointed by the partners, will ensure a robust project brief and fee proposal is agreed with the consultant prior to a formal appointment. A scope of works will be clearly defined and agreed prior to commencement with its progress being scrutinised throughout.

Request to Proceed

I therefore, seek approval to proceed with the appointment of consultant Arup for the purposes described and request an Exception and Waiver to the Requirements of Competition in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules Condition 5.3 requiring -

Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer Approval followed by relevant Executive Board Member Decision

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