MOD kick-starts tendering for east region construction projects

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) has begun the tendering process with 10 shortlisted companies for the first of its regional framework arrangements for construction projects on the Defence estate.

The Regional Capital Works Framework East Midlands and Eastern England will include up to five companies who will participate in 'mini-competitions' for the design and build of construction projects in this region valued up to £12m. It will be awarded by August 2013 and run for an initial four-year period, with the potential to extend for up to three years.

The arrangement has an estimated value of between £100m-£250m and could be used at any site across this region. Key sites in the region include RAF Waddington, RAF Cranwell, RAF Wittering, RAF Marham, RAF Wyton, RAF Honnington, Chetwynd Barracks (Chilwell), the Defence Intelligence Services Centre (DISC) at Chicksands, Woodbridge Barracks and Carver Barracks in Wimbish.

The tenderers shortlisted for the framework are Babcock Support Services Ltd, Henry Brothers (Magherafelt) Ltd, Interserve Construction Ltd, Leadbitter Group, Lend Lease Construction (EMEA) Ltd, Mansell Construction Services Ltd, Morgan Sindall plc, Shepherd Construction Ltd, Skanska UK plc and VINCI Construction UK Ltd.

The tenderers recently attended a conference at RAF Brampton focussed on the ongoing ‘Invitation to Tender’ process and the proposed operating model for the framework. Delegates were also taken step-by-step through a typical Defence construction project, looking at processes involved, legislative influences, sustainability and other requirements.

Each tender will be rigorously evaluated based on the company’s approach to commercial and technical matters such as supply chain management, quality assurance, sustainable development, health & safety, and issues relating to the Government Construction Strategy. The tenderers have also been provided with a demonstration construction project and will be evaluated on their proposed approach to its delivery.

Jon Wooden, NGEC Capital Works Frameworks project manager, said:

“The Defence estate is expected to undergo major change over the coming years – including across the eastern region and we are determined to find the best companies to meet the evolving requirements for capital works.

“The quality of our estate impacts on the effectiveness and morale of those living and working on it, so those companies winning projects via this framework will play a significant role in ensuring the best results for our Armed Forces.”

Alongside the East framework, it is expected that the short-listed companies for the National Capital Works Framework – for projects valued up to £50m – will be invited to tender later in the year. Procurement plans for the other regional frameworks will be announced in due course.

The forward plan for the delivery of construction projects will be determined by the Defence Infrastructure Programme, which balances future requirements against affordability levels, and the MOD’s emerging “Footprint Strategy”, which is focusing on the optimum geographical solution for meeting those requirements.

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NGEC programme: [http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DIO/WhatWeDo/NextGenerationEstateContracts.htm](http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DIO/WhatWeDo/NextGenerationEstateContracts.htm)

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Notes to editors

1. Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) is part of the Ministry of Defence (MOD). It is responsible for managing and maintaining land and properties to meet the current and future needs of the MOD and personnel at home and abroad, and to support current operations.

2. DIO’s work includes providing, supporting and improving: operational units; single living and service family accommodation; training areas and historic military sites. DIO actively manages these to ensure the needs of Defence are met, value for money is achieved, and its heritage is protected, and to achieve its environmental goals.

3. DIO was formed on 1 April 2011 when the former Defence Estates (DE) organisation was brought together with other property and infrastructure functions within department to form a single organisation. DIO manages the MOD’s property infrastructure and ensures strategic management of the Defence estate as a whole.

4. The Regional Capital Works Framework East Midlands and Eastern England will be used to deliver construction projects on the built estate valued up to £12m, potentially including: offices, messes, accommodation blocks, garages, workshops and other technical facilities, hangars, houses, general and ammunition stores, medical facilities, sports and recreational facilities, teaching and training facilities, armories, community facilities, and guardrooms.
5. In addition to the East framework, it is planned that the other Regional Capital Frameworks (Scotland; the North East, North West and Yorkshire and the Humber; the West Midlands and Wales; the East of England and East Midlands; the South East (including London); and the South West) will be used to deliver construction projects valued below £12m, and that the National Capital Works Framework will be used to deliver higher value projects, more complex projects and cross-region programmes up to a value of £50m.

6. The Next Generation Estate Contracts (NGEC) Programme is developing a new suite of contracts for the UK Defence estate, comprising four Regional Prime contracts for hard facilities management, one national and six regional Capital Works Frameworks for construction projects, a National Housing Prime contract, and the National Training Estate Prime contract.

7. The Footprint Strategy seeks to identify the most cost effective approach to Future Force 2020 basing. It aims to achieve a strategic asset management of an affordable and sustainable, infrastructure footprint, comprising of the right size and quality and in the right place, to support operational capability.

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