

FOI 054/2021 Response

Request

Dear FOI Team,

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the contract below.

Strategic Support for Planning and Service Improvement further competition under RM3745 lot 5:

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=520a2524-73bd-ea11-8104-005056b64545&p=ad706dc1-5684-e511-80f3-000c29c9ba21>

The details we require are:

1. Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages
2. Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date
3. Start date & duration of framework/contract?
4. Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders when this contract was last advertised/procured?
5. Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?
6. Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?
7. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

Response

1. Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages

The successful suppliers are Grant Thornton and SSG.

The Trust is unable to disclose and identify the unsuccessful suppliers this is because the requested information is commercially confidential.

Disclosure of the requested information may seriously prejudice the interests of the incumbent supplier and any third parties that may wish to bid to supply this service in the future.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

2. Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date

There is no guaranteed value of work under tender.

3. Start date & duration of framework/contract?

12 months initially.

4. Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders when this contract was last advertised/procured?

Please see attachment.

Note that the attached contract was awarded under title of Strategic Support For Planning and Service Improvement further competition under RM3745 lot 5.

5. Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?

Yes 12 months.

6. Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?

The contract was awarded in February 2021, it is therefore too early to confirm whether there will be an extension or renewal.

7. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

The Trust's Director of Finance.