



Award of contract for consultancy services to support development and delivery of the new Regional Transport Strategy

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Report by Senior Director

1. Object of report

To recommend the Partnership approve the award of contract for consultancy services to support the development and delivery of the new Regional Transport Strategy (RTS).

2. Background

Members will recall that following completion of the RTS Review, the Partnership at its meeting on 29 September 2017 approved the development of a new RTS.

This report relates to the procurement process for the consultancy services to support the development and delivery of the new Strategy.

3. Outline of proposals

3.1 Scope

SPT has a statutory duty to produce an RTS that sets a framework and plans to improve transport networks and services and to influence travel behaviour. This second Regional Transport Strategy will replace the current RTS: A Catalyst for Change: The Regional Transport Strategy for the West of Scotland 2008 - 2021.

The new RTS will be developed in line with RTS Guidance and Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) with a scope of at least 15 years. The new RTS will be developed closely with a broad range of partners, stakeholders and members of the public to achieve a shared set of objectives, outcomes and actions for the region. This reflects the relevant legislation, the underpinning role of transport in the delivery of social, economic, health and environmental policies and outcomes, and the complexity of the transport sector in Scotland.

Officers have been working on the development of the new Strategy including establishing the governance structure and working groups, initiating the SPT-led workstreams, early stakeholder communications, and undertaking the procurement process for the consultancy services required to support SPT to deliver the new Strategy.

The scope of the consultancy services includes all aspects of transport planning support and other requirements in relation to the development of the new Strategy

including the identification of issues and objectives, development and appraisal of transport options, engagement and consultation activities, equality impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment and project management support. The new Strategy will include a strategic framework, spatial plans/maps, implementation plan, and monitoring and evaluation framework.

SPT and the successful tenderer will work collaboratively throughout the process and at all levels (e.g. strategic, technical).

The scope of services includes delivery of the new RTS prior to expiry of the existing strategy in 2021.

3.2 Tender assessment process

This was a mini-competition from lot 1 - Transport Planning in the Design, Technical and Professional services (DTPS) Framework 16-001.

The 6 suppliers on this lot were invited to the mini-competition, with 3 suppliers submitting a bid on 10 May 2018.

The mini-competition was evaluated on a quality 60%, price 40%. The quality criteria and weighting were as follows:

Headline Technical Criteria	Weighted
Expertise and Understanding of Requirement	15%
Methodology and Work Plan	25%
Quality & Resilience of Personnel	20%
How the consultant will deliver	30%
Risk and Mitigation and Opportunity	10%

The Terms and Conditions for this engagement are NEC3 Professional Services Contract June 2005 (with amendments June 2006, September 2011 and April 2013).

Each submitted bid had various clarifications with the main clarifications concerning the commercial offers. The three providers had different interpretations of the detailed requirements in the transport options and appraisal stages.

Following clarification meetings and written responses, the final commercial bids were then confirmed as the fixed prices set out in the following table in section 3.3.

3.3 Tender assessment results

The Most Economically Advantageous Tenderers (MEAT) evaluation is as follows:

Supplier	Quality Score	Cost Score	Cost	Combined Quality & Cost Score
Peter Brett Associates LLP	60	38	£360,637.50	98
AECOM Limited	57	40	£339,412.50	97
Systra Limited	52	31	£439,435.00	83

All 3 tenderers scored highly on the quality score and provided relevant and acceptable responses against all criteria. Peter Brett Associates LLP's ability to fulfil all of the requirements set in the brief to a very high standard, including the Equalities report and Engagement and Consultation plan, is evident with the company providing a highly detailed response to all sections of the brief.

Prices were provided as a fixed price value against an outcome of supporting SPT and partners to deliver a new Regional Transport Strategy.

4. Conclusions

The tender assessment has shown that Peter Brett Associates LLP represents the most economically advantageous tender for consultancy services to support the development and delivery of the new Regional Transport Strategy. This contract is expected to be completed by 2021.

5. Partnership action

The Partnership is recommended to approve the award of contract for the Regional Transport Strategy consultancy support to Peter Brett Associates LLP for a value of £360,637.50 (excluding VAT).

6. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>The new Regional Transport Strategy will be developed in line with existing Scottish Government policy and will support the delivery of the emerging new National Transport Strategy.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>The RTS is a key statutory responsibility of SPT, in line with the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The costs are contained within the General Consultancy Budget for 2018/19 and 2019/20.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>Resources from the SPT Policy and Planning team will be re-directed to the development and delivery of a new RTS.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>The new RTS will be developed in line with relevant equalities legislation and guidance and a new EQIA will be undertaken as part of the Strategy development.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None at present.</i>

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