



## LoTAG Group 2

### London Highway Maintenance and Projects Framework

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#### Introduction

The London Highway Alliance Framework (LoHAC) expires on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. It is set to be replaced by a suite of frameworks to which London authorities will have access, or at their discretion to make use the contract documents for their own arrangements.

The new frameworks most likely to be of interest to London authorities are:-

- Highway Maintenance and Projects (area based),
- Larger or more complex Projects (pan London)
- Surveys and Asset Inspections.

Others will include River Piers, Tunnels & Pumping Stations and Bus Stops & Shelters.

#### Highway Maintenance and Projects framework

Tender processes are under way for this framework which will comprise three Core Service Areas, one for North, Central and South London. The range of Projects delivered under the contracts would be those of lesser complexity and valued at an upper limit of about £1m. There will be provision for contractors working 'out of area' so authorities will be at liberty to select from the most economically advantageous for their individual circumstances.

The Core Service Areas are :-

North Barking & Dagenham, Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Enfield, Haringey, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.

Central Camden, Hackney, Hammersmith & Fulham, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea, Lambeth, Southwark, Tower Hamlets, Wandsworth, the Cities of London and Westminster.

South Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Greenwich, Kingston upon Thames, Lewisham, Merton, Richmond upon Thames and Sutton.

Bidders are Capital Road Services (a Tarmac Trading Ltd and Kier Highways Ltd JV), Colas Ltd, FM Conway Ltd, Ringway Infrastructure Services Ltd and Volker Highways Ltd

Tender documents have now been issued. An overview of the remaining programme provides for initial bids to be returned by January 2020, then following a quality and financial assessment there is time provision for a competitive negotiation phase. Awards are

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scheduled to have been confirmed by September 2020 with contracts starting on 1 April 2021.

Documents are based on NEC4 contract conditions and the Specification of Highway Works (SHW), are an 'evolution' of those prepared LoHAC, having been extensively revised and simplified. The specification is available to any borough that wishes to view it and in due course will be published on line and subsequently updated as and when necessary as a free resource. In similar Style to the national SHW the London specification will not be editable, but there will be opportunity for localised revisions.

The London Specification will be maintained as a free resource to London authorities, with the opportunity for boroughs to be involved in the process of keeping it current and fit for purpose. Detail of that process to be discussed and agreed.

### **Clients Scope**

The Scope would need to be produced by each Client to cover individual contract requirements and it is here that different authorities have the opportunity to describe the services they require from the contractor and introduce additional or modified specification clauses. In this way the effort for individual authorities in drafting specification documents would be significantly reduced, tendering costs and contractor risk are minimised as potential contractors will be working with familiar technical specifications.

### **Other Frameworks**

Frameworks of potential interest to London authorities include those for larger and more complex projects, Surveys and Asset Inspections, each being phased with the Highway Maintenance and Project framework to all commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

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