

**TENDER REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****1.00 TENDER PROCESS / DOCUMENTS**

- 1.01 The project has been tendered under a single stage preferred contractor negotiated process.
- 1.02 Pearce Construction were selected by North Devon Council as the preferred contractor.
- 1.03 The invitation to tender stated the tender is to be submitted on an open book basis with full access if requested to allow rate build ups, subcontractor quotations and material prices within the tender to be reviewed.
- 1.04 The tender was issued by Hills to Pearce Construction on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 with the time and date for a receipt of tender being 12.00 noon on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- 1.05 The tender documents comprised the following:
- a. Pricing Document
  - b. Drawings listed within appendix A of the pricing document
  - c. Form of tender.
- 1.06 The form of contract proposed is the JCT Agreement for Minor Works with Contractor Design. The contractor design elements comprise the following:
- a. Structural steel connections to bridge
  - b. Balustrading.

**2.00 TENDER RECEIVED**

- 2.01 The tender was received from Pearce Construction on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 in the sum of £93,745.93.
- 2.02 The tender included provisional sums totalling £2,300 and a general contingency of £1,577.50.

**3.00 TENDER APPRAISAL**

- 3.01 The tender was checked for arithmetical accuracy and no errors were found.
- 3.02 The pricing document submitted as forming the tender was fully priced and was reviewed on an open book basis.
- 3.03 Following the review a number of queries were raised and requests were made for further information. The information required was provided by Pearce Construction which led to post tender negotiations resulting in Pearce Construction reducing a number of rates.
- 3.04 The reduction in rates provided a revised tender sum of £86,514.37 which Pearce Construction confirmed on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 as their revised tender sum.
- 3.05 The negotiation of the tender return included a review of the construction time period allowed in the preliminaries section. Through negotiation it was agreed the tendered period of 8 weeks could be reduced to 7 weeks. The tender documents stated commencement of works on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 which with the 7 weeks duration would give a completion of works on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.

### **3.00 TENDER APPRAISAL (Cont'd)**

3.06 As a result of the review and post tender negotiations we are able to confirm the following:

- a. Preliminaries, overheads and profit included within the tender are within the range that may be expected for a tender of this nature in the current market conditions
- b. Rates submitted within the tender comprised:
  1. Rates obtained from sub-contract tenders and material quotes
  2. Costs agreed as fair value with Hills.
- c. All rates are considered to be consistent with current market conditions.

### **4.00 VALUE FOR MONEY**

4.01 The tendered costs have been checked for their competitiveness through a review of the tender on an open book basis.

4.02 The tender offers as much value for money as can be reasonably expected within a tender of this nature and we are therefore able to recommend acceptance of the tender in the sum of £86,514.37.