

TENDER ALERT

Tender No:	154818-2008	NOTICE
Issue Date:	17/06/2008	
Deadline:		NORTH YORKSHIRE
Description:	UK-York: lifts, skip hoists, hoists, escalators and moving walkways	
Issued by:	JACQUELINE DAVIES	
Tender Details:	<p>CONTRACT NOTICE Services</p> <p>SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S): Jacqueline Davies, City Finance Centre, Library Square, Attn: Jacqueline Davies, UK-York YO1 7DU. Tel. (44) 19 04 55 29 41. E-mail: procurement@york.gov.uk. Fax (44) 19 04 55 11 90. Further information can be obtained at: As in above-mentioned contact point(s). Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at: As in above-mentioned contact point(s). Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to: David Walker, Legal Services, Guildhall, Attn: David Walker, UK-York YO1 9QN. Tel. (44) 19 04 55 22 61. E-mail: david.walker@york.gov.uk. Fax (44) 19 04 55 11 90.</p> <p>I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES: Regional or local authority. General public services. The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no.</p> <p>SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT II.1) DESCRIPTION II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority: UK-York: for the maintenance, repair and installation of passenger lifts and stair lifts. II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Services. Service category: No 1. Main place of performance: UK-York. NUTS code: UKE21. II.1.3) The notice involves: A public contract. II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s): Lift-maintenance services. Lift installation work. Goods lifts. Mechanical lifts. Stairlifts. Lifts. Parts of lifts. Parts of winding gear and other lifting or handling equipment. Lift and escalator installation work. Installation services of lifting and handling equipment, except lifts and escalators. Installation services of lifting equipment. Lifting, handling, loading or unloading machinery. Parts of lifting and handling equipment. Parts of lift, skip hoists or escalators. Lifting and handling equipment and parts. Lifting and handling equipment. Lifts, skip hoists, hoists, escalators and moving walkways. II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV): 29221600, 29221613, 28815600, 29221610, 50750000, 29221951, 29221990, 45313000, 50951100, 50951110, 29221800, 29221900, 29221950, 29220000, 29221000, 45313100, 29221612. II.1.7) Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): No.</p>	

II.1.8) Division into lots: Yes.

Tenders should be submitted for: one or more lots.

II.1.9) Variants will be accepted: Yes.

II.2) QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope: Estimated value excluding VAT: 400 000 GBP.

II.3) DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME-LIMIT FOR COMPLETION: Duration in months: 36 (from the award of the contract).

INFORMATION ABOUT LOTS

LOT NO 1

TITLE: UK-York: for the maintenance, repair and installation of passenger lifts

1) SHORT DESCRIPTION: For the maintenance, repair and installation of passenger lifts. Lift-maintenance services. Parts of lifts. Parts of winding gear and other lifting or handling equipment. Lift and escalator installation work. Lift installation work. Installation services of lifting and handling equipment, except lifts and escalators. Installation services of lifting equipment. Goods lifts. Mechanical lifts. Lifting, handling, loading or unloading machinery. Parts of lifting and handling equipment. Parts of lift, skip hoists or escalators. Lifts.

2) COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV): 50750000, 29221990, 45313000, 45313100, 50951100, 50951110, 29221613, 29221800, 29221900, 29221950, 29221610, 29221951, 29221612.

LOT NO 2

TITLE: UK-York: for the maintenance, repair and installation of stairlifts

1) SHORT DESCRIPTION: For the maintenance, repair and installation of stairlifts. Stairlifts.

2) COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV): 28815600.

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

III.1) CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT

III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject: No.

III.2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

III.2.4) Reserved contracts: No.

III.3) CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS

III.3.1) Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: No.

III.3.2) Legal entities should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service: No.

SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

IV.1) TYPE OF PROCEDURE

IV.1.1) Type of procedure: Restricted.

IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate: Envisaged minimum number: 5. Maximum number: 15.

IV.2) AWARD CRITERIA

IV.2.1) Award criteria: The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document.

IV.2.2) An electronic auction will be used: No.

IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority: COR - 2008.44.

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract: No.

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document Payable documents: no.

IV.3.4) Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate: 23.7.2008 - 12:00.

IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates: 17.9.2008.

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up: English.

SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VI.1) THIS IS A RECURRENT PROCUREMENT: Yes.

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: July 2011.

VI.2) CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS: No.

VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: GO reference: GO 08061321/01.

VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE: 13.6.2008.

TENDER ALERT

Tender No:	157291-2008	NOTICE
Issue Date:	19/06/2008	
Deadline:		WEST MIDLANDS
Description:	UK-Birmingham: lifting and handling equipment	
Issued by:	SEVERN TRENT WATER	
Tender Details:	<p>CONTRACT NOTICE â€™ UTILITIES Supplies</p> <p>SECTION I: CONTRACTING ENTITY I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S): Severn Trent Water, 2297, Coventry road, Contact: Michael Miles, Attn: Michael Miles, UK-Birmingham B26 3PU. Tel. (44) 012 17 22 42 50. E-mail: michael.miles@severntrent.co.uk. Fax (44) 012 17 22 41 52. Further information can be obtained at: As in above-mentioned contact point(s). Specifications and additional documents (including documents for a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at: As in above-mentioned contact point(s). Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to: As in above-mentioned contact point(s). I.2) MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES OF THE CONTRACTING ENTITY: Water.</p> <p>SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT II.1) DESCRIPTION II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting entity: Small to Medium Lifting Equipment. II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Supplies. Purchase. Main place of delivery: Including but not limited to various locations within the Severn Trent area. This area stretches from the Humber estuary to the Bristol Channel and from Mid-Wales to East-Midlands. NUTS code: UK. II.1.3) The notice involves: The establishment of a framework agreement. II.1.4) Information on framework agreement: Framework agreement with several operators Number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged:> 1. Duration of the framework agreement Duration in year(s): 7 Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement. II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s): Small to medium lifting equipment to include davits, sockets, swing jibs, lifting gantries and overhead beams, lifting equipment for submersible pumps and mixers, overhead cranes and accessories. The contract may also include some testing and maintenance. II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV): 29221000. II.1.7) Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): Yes. II.1.8) Division into lots: No. II.1.9) Variants will be accepted: Yes. II.2) QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT II.2.2) Options: No. II.3) DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME LIMIT FOR COMPLETION: Duration in months: 84 (from the award of the contract).</p>	

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

III.1) CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT

III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject: No.

III.2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

III.2.2) Economic and financial capacity: Request to participate must be accompanied by the following. Failure to provide any of the information requested may invalidate selection.

1. Audited company accounts for the past three years.
2. Name and address of the applicants banker together with written confirmation that the applicant has given formal consent to his banker to provide a financial reference when required.
3. Formal assurance that there is no instance of judgement or pending against the company in respect of any financial matter, corporate or management mal-practice or non-compliance with any statute.
4. A statement of the bidders overall turnover and the turnover related to similar activities covered by this contract, for the 3 previous years.

III.2.3) Technical capacity: Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: Request to participate must be accompanied by the following. Failure to provide any of the information requested may invalidate selection.

1. Full particulars of similar contracts entered into during the last five years, including value, date and location of each contract. This should show a comprehensive understanding of working within the water industry.
2. Trades which the contractor normally subcontracts locally when awarding contracts outside the country of origin.
3. Proof of inscription on a trades or professional register.
4. Companies which are a subsidiary of a group should include details of such relationships.
5. Evidence of compliance with BS EN ISO 9001/2 Quality Control System or equivalent.
6. Companies latest Health and Safety policy. Failure to provide an up to date copy, signed by a Director or Partner and dated could invalidate your application.
7. Evidence of compliance with BS EN ISO 14001 Environmental System or equivalent.
8. Provide applications and product training including fault diagnosis on all of the existing equipment covered by the contract in both classroom and non-operational environments.
9. Detailed knowledge and experience of working with third party engineering contractors. This should include detailed knowledge of working to the timescales and procedures expected within major project delivery.

III.2.4) Reserved contracts: No.

III.3) CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS

III.3.1) Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: No.

III.3.2) Legal persons should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service: No.

SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

IV.1) TYPE OF PROCEDURE

IV.1.1) Type of procedure: Negotiated
Candidates have already been selected: no.

IV.2) AWARD CRITERIA

IV.2.1) Award criteria: The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications or in the invitation to tender or to negotiate.

IV.2.2) An electronic auction will be used: Yes.
An ERFQ/E auction may or may not be used. You will be informed.

IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting entity: 20246319.

IV.3.2) Previous publication concerning the same contract: No.

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents: Payable documents: no.

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate: 17.7.2008 - 17:00.

IV.3.5) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up: English.

IV.3.7) Conditions for opening tenders:

SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VI.1) THIS IS A RECURRENT PROCUREMENT: No.

VI.2) CONTRACT(S) RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY COMMUNITY FUNDS: No.

VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This contract is likely to be awarded for an initial period of 2 years with further options to be agreed.

Although this contract will not be split into lots, it is unlikely that

this contract will be awarded to one supplier only. However, it is

unlikely that this contract will be split into its component categories eg lifting beams; and accessories.

Proposals are to be invited for some or all of the component categories.

Contracts will be awarded to one or more suppliers for one or more of the contract component parts.

VI.4) PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures: UK-

Body responsible for mediation procedures:

UK-

VI.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained: UK-

VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE: 17.6.2008.

TENDER ALERT

Tender No:	174838-2008	NOTICE
Issue Date:	09/07/2008	
Deadline:		DERBYSHIRE
Description:	UK-Chesterfield: lifting and handling equipment	
Issued by:	ROYAL MAIL GROUP LIMITED	
Tender Details:	<p>CONTRACT NOTICE Supplies</p> <p>SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S): Royal Mail Group Limited, Royal Mail Group Procurement BG24, Roland Hill House Boythorpe Road, Attn: Geoff Hibberd, UK-Chesterfield S49 1HQ. Tel. 012 46 54 61 69. E-mail: geoff.hibberd@royalmail.com. Internet address(es): General address of the contracting authority: http://www.royalmailgroup.com. Address of the buyer profile: http://www.royalmailgroup.com/portal/rmg/jump1?catId=23200531&mediaId=23300561. Further information can be obtained at: As in above-mentioned contact point(s). Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at: As in above-mentioned contact point(s). Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to: As in above-mentioned contact point(s). I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES: Other: Postal Authority. Other: Postal Services. The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no.</p> <p>SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT II.1) DESCRIPTION II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority: Mechanical Handling Equipment. II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Supplies. A combination of purchase, lease, rental and hire purchase. Main place of delivery: Nationwide throughout the United Kingdom. NUTS code: UK. II.1.3) The notice involves: The establishment of a framework agreement. II.1.4) Information on framework agreement: Framework agreement with a single operator. Duration of the framework agreement: Duration in year(s): 3 Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement: Estimated value excluding VAT: Range: between 8 000 000 and 30 000 000 GBP. II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s): Supply of and support for Mechanical Handling Equipment to Royal Mail Group sites throughout the United Kingdom. Supply includes the short and long term contract hire and purchase of fork lift trucks, powered and hand pallet trucks, warehousing equipment and other mechanical handling equipment and associated services. Support includes the servicing and repair of Royal</p>	

Mail owned as well as contract hire mechanical handling equipment.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV): 29221000, 29221510, 29221511, 29221800, 29221850, 50530000, 50111000.

II.1.7) Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): Yes.

II.1.8) Division into lots: Yes.

Tenders should be submitted for: one or more lots.

II.1.9) Variants will be accepted: Yes.

II.2) QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope: The scope of the contract (or contracts) is the provision of mechanical handling equipment and the nationwide servicing and repair thereof to Royal Mail Group. Lot 1 - Supply (purchase) of counterbalance forklift and pedestrian powered pallet movers and associated services and parts provision Lot 2 - Supply (purchase) of ride-on powered pallet movers, reach trucks, tow tractors, other powered warehousing equipment & other mechanical handling equipment, associated services and parts provision Lot 3 - Supply of parts for mechanical handling equipment and associated services Lot 4 - Supply (purchase) of hand pallet trucks and associated services and parts provision Lot 5 - Long term contract hire, short term hire, servicing and repair of Mechanical Handling equipment including fork lift trucks, powered pallet trucks, warehousing equipment, tow tractors and bespoke mechanical handling equipment and associated services. Lot 6 - Servicing and repair of hand pallet trucks at Royal Mail Group sites throughout the UK and associated services.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 8 000 000 and 30 000 000 GBP.

II.2.2) Options: Yes.

Description of these options: The framework agreement is intended to last for a 36 month period with options to extend, at Royal Mail's discretion, for a further 12-months up to a maximum term of 48 months.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options: in months: 36 (from the award of the contract)

Number of possible renewals: 1

in the case of renewable supplies or service contracts, estimated

timeframe for subsequent contracts: in months: 12 (from the award of the contract).

II.3) DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME-LIMIT FOR COMPLETION: Duration in months: 36 (from the award of the contract).

INFORMATION ABOUT LOTS

LOT NO 1

TITLE: Supply (purchase) of counterbalance forklift and pedestrian powered pallet movers and associated services and parts provision

1) SHORT DESCRIPTION: Supply (purchase) of counterbalance forklift and pedestrian powered pallet movers and associated services and parts provision.

2) COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV): 29221000, 29221510, 29221511, 29221800, 29221850.

3) QUANTITY OR SCOPE: Estimated cost excluding VAT:

Range: between 2 400 000 and 13 500 000 GBP.

5) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT LOTS: If Royal Mail Group Ltd concludes a framework agreement it may do so in relation to Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 together or for each Lot separately.

LOT NO 2

TITLE: Supply (purchase) of ride-on powered pallet movers, reach trucks, tow tractors, other powered warehousing equipment & other mechanical handling equipment, associated services and parts provision

1) SHORT DESCRIPTION: Supply (purchase) of ride-on powered pallet movers, reach trucks, tow tractors, other powered warehousing equipment, other mechanical handling equipment and associated services and parts provision.

2) COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV): 29221000, 29221510, 29221511, 29221800, 29221850.

3) QUANTITY OR SCOPE: Estimated cost excluding VAT:

Range: between 600 000 and 4 500 000 GBP.

5) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT LOTS: If Royal Mail Group Ltd concludes a framework agreement it may do so in relation to Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 together or for each Lot separately.

LOT NO 3

TITLE: Supply of parts for mechanical handling equipment and associated services

1) SHORT DESCRIPTION: Supply of parts for mechanical handling equipment

and associated services.

2) COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV): 29221000, 29221510, 29221511, 29221800, 29221850.

3) QUANTITY OR SCOPE: Estimated cost excluding VAT:

Range: between 1 500 000 and 2 000 000 GBP.

5) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT LOTS: If Royal Mail Group Ltd concludes a framework agreement it may do so in relation to Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 together or for each Lot separately.

LOT NO 4

TITLE: Supply (purchase) of hand pallet trucks and associated services and parts provision

1) SHORT DESCRIPTION: Supply (purchase) of hand pallet trucks and associated services and parts provision.

2) COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV): 29221000, 29221510, 29221800, 29221850.

3) QUANTITY OR SCOPE: Estimated cost excluding VAT:

Range: between 60 000 and 1 000 000 GBP.

5) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT LOTS: If Royal Mail Group Ltd concludes a framework agreement it may do so in relation to Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 together or for each Lot separately.

LOT NO 5

TITLE: Long term contract hire, short term hire, servicing and repair of Mechanical Handling equipment including fork lift trucks, powered pallet trucks, warehousing equipment, tow tractors and bespoke mechanical handling equipment and associated services.

1) SHORT DESCRIPTION: Long term contract hire, short term hire, servicing and repair of Mechanical Handling equipment including fork lift trucks, powered pallet trucks, warehousing equipment, tow tractors and bespoke mechanical handling equipment and associated services.

2) COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV): 29221000, 29221510, 29221511, 29221800, 29221850, 50530000, 50511000.

3) QUANTITY OR SCOPE: Estimated cost excluding VAT:

Range: between 2 500 000 and 20 000 000 GBP.

5) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT LOTS: If Royal Mail Group Ltd concludes a framework agreement it may do so in relation to Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 together or for each Lot separately.

LOT NO 6

TITLE: Servicing and repair of hand pallet trucks at Royal Mail Group sites throughout the UK and associated services

1) SHORT DESCRIPTION: Servicing and repair of hand pallet trucks at Royal Mail Group sites throughout the UK and associated services.

2) COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV): 29221000, 29221510, 29221800, 29221850, 50530000, 50511000.

3) QUANTITY OR SCOPE: Estimated cost excluding VAT:

Range: between 125 000 and 300 000 GBP.

5) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT LOTS: If Royal Mail Group Ltd concludes a framework agreement it may do so in relation to Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 together or for each Lot separately.

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

III.1) CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required: A performance bond or parent company guarantee or other form of security may be required depending upon the organisation's financial stability.

III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them: To be detailed in the tender documents.

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded: Please confirm whether you are proposing to use a Consortium. The contracting authority may require that a single consortium member takes primary liability or that each member undertakes joint and several liability irrespective of the legal form adopted.

III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject: Yes.

The terms and conditions of the framework agreement (incorporating the terms and conditions for any call-offs in relation to the framework agreement), which shall be provided to candidates who are invited to tender.

III.2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

III.2.1) Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements

relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers: Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: For each economic operator or, in the case of a consortium, each member of it, please provide the following information: 1 Your organisation's registered name, address and VAT number 2 Your organisation's principal place of business 3 Your organisation's date of registration, incorporation or establishment and registration number. 4 Your organisation's trading name and address (if different) 5 The legal status of your organisation (e.g. individual, partnership or public/private limited company) 6 Full details of relationship with any parent, holding, subsidiary company etc 7 The primary contact for your organisation (please provide name, position, address, telephone number, fax number, email address) Please provide a statement that neither the economic operator nor any member of a consortium (or, in the case of paragraph 1 of Regulation 23, any of their directors or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control): - has been convicted of any of the offences listed in paragraph 1 of Regulation 23; and/or - fulfils any of the grounds for ineligibility set out in paragraph 4 of Regulation 23 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (as amended). If the economic operator or any member of a consortium is unable to make such a statement, full details must be provided explaining the reasons for this non-compliance. Failure to comply fully with this requirement may result in the economic operator or consortium being declared ineligible to proceed further.

III.2.2) Economic and financial capacity: Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: For each economic operator or, in the case of a consortium, each member of it: 1) Please provide copies of your audited/statements of accounts for the last three financial years (if you are not obliged to publish accounts under the law of the jurisdiction in which you are established, please provide copies of such accounting information as you are able to for the last three years, including as a minimum turnover, profit/loss before taxation, net assets, net cash). Please provide copies of any interim accounts which relate to any period after the end of the last financial year. 2) If you are a member of a group of companies, please provide copies of the audited/statements of consolidated accounts of the ultimate holding company of the group for the last three financial years (if the holding company is not obliged to publish accounts under the law of the jurisdiction in which it is established, please provide copies of such accounting information as you are able to for the last three years, including as a minimum turnover, profit/loss before taxation, net assets, net cash). 3) Please provide your turnover in respect of the provision of the goods of the type to be provided under the proposed contract for the previous three financial years.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Royal Mail Group's minimum standards are: 1) Turnover of Â£1m per annum in last financial year. 2) Turnover of Â£1m per annum in last financial year, in relation to the goods of the type to be supplied under the proposed contract.

III.2.3) Technical capacity: Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: 1) Please provide a comprehensive statement of the principal goods supplied by your organisation in the last 3 years, including information on the dates on which the goods were sold; the consideration received; the identity of the organisation to whom the goods were sold; 2) Please provide details of your technical ability in the subject matter of the contract taking into account operator skills, efficiency, experience and reliability. 3) Please provide statements of the technical services available to you for the provision of the proposed goods, particularly concerning quality control. 4) If you are proposing to use a consortium please provide details of: how long the organisations in the consortium have worked together in the specific roles and in the manner indicated; other contracts where these arrangements are in place; and success rate in delivery of similar requirements.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Royal Mail Group's minimum standards are: Demonstrable past experience of three successfully completed contracts of similar supplies and a similar value to the lot being applied for. Evidence of externally accredited quality control systems e.g. ISO or equivalent.

III.2.4) Reserved contracts: No.

SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

IV.1) TYPE OF PROCEDURE

IV.1.1) Type of procedure: Restricted.

IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate: Envisaged minimum number: 5. Maximum number: 15
Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Royal Mail will evaluate requests to participate by first considering any grounds for exclusion (as set out in Section III.2.1) and the minimum standards (as set out in Section III.2.2 and III.2.3). Requests to participate from those candidates who successfully pass this first stage will be evaluated against the criteria of economic/financial capacity and technical capacity and the highest scoring candidates will be selected to proceed to the invitation to tender stage.

IV.2) AWARD CRITERIA

IV.2.1) Award criteria: The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document.

IV.2.2) An electronic auction will be used: Yes.

Royal Mail reserves the right to use an electronic auction. Details for this will be provided to appropriate operators.

IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract: No.

IV.3.4) Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate: 7.8.2008 - 17:00.

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up: English.

SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VI.1) THIS IS A RECURRENT PROCUREMENT: No.

VI.2) CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS: No.

VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Section III.2 - The contracting authority may require suppliers to supplement or clarify the information submitted under Section III.2 Section IV.3.4 - An online PQQ (Pre-qualification questionnaire) MUST be completed with the information which is set out in section III.2 and III.1.3 in order to be considered for receipt of an invitation to tender. Expressions of interest should be sent promptly by email to Geoff.Hibberd@royalmail.com in order for your organisation to be provided with access to the online PQQ. The online PQQ will be available for completion until the date specified in section IV.3.4. If Royal Mail Group Ltd concludes a framework agreement it may do so in relation to Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 together or for each Lot separately. The value ranges for each lot are wide as Royal Mail Group will be seeking supply on the basis of a combination of contract hire and purchase. The decision to purchase or contract hire will be determined over the course of the contract or contracts using whole life costing models for the application.

VI.4) PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL

VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals: Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Royal Mail Group Ltd will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into. Applicants have 2 working days from the notification of the award decision to request additional debriefing and that information has to be provided a minimum of 3 working days before the expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be required from the contact point stated on this notice. If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (SI 2006 No. 5) (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly (generally within 3 months). Where a contract has not been entered into the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may only award damages.

VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE: 4.7.2008.