

**REPORT TO:** CABINET MEMBER – TECHNICAL SERVICES  
**DATE:** 24 FEBRUARY 2010  
**SUBJECT:** AWARD OF GROUND INVESTIGATION CONTRACT ASC 11  
**WARDS AFFECTED:** ALL WARDS  
**REPORT OF:** ANDY WALLIS PLANNING & ECONOMIC REGENERATION  
DIRECTOR  
**CONTACT OFFICER:** B LARNER  
MERSEYSIDE ENGINEERS LABORATORY SERVICES  
**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To approve the award of the Ground Investigation Contract (ASC 11) for a period up to 31 March 2012.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

To comply with the Contract Procedure Rules and Delegated Authority to approve expenditure contained within the Constitution.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

To appoint the four lowest submitted tenders in each model category.

**KEY DECISION:** No  
**FORWARD PLAN:** Not Appropriate  
**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Following the expiry of the “call in period” for the minutes of the meeting

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

In order to meet the requirements of the Constitution, there are no alternative options.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:** None

**Financial:**

The majority of work issued through this contract will be contained within appropriate annual Revenue and /or Capital allocations.

**Legal:** The Legal Director will prepare formal contracts with the successful contractors following their award.

**Risk Assessment:** Financial vetting of the contractors on the select list has taken place. Each company is considered suitably experienced to carry out the works and are financially viable

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**  
NONE

**CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:**

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Creating Safe Communities		√	
3	Jobs and Prosperity	√		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Environmental Sustainability		√	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	√		
8	Children and Young People		√	

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

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## **1.0 BACKGROUND:**

1.1 Tenders have recently been sought from the following contractors on the Council's approved select list, to provide the Merseyside Engineers Laboratory, on behalf of all Merseyside Metropolitan Authorities, a site investigation resource, including boring, drilling, excavation of trial pits, sampling, insitu testing and laboratory testing of soil samples together with any or all necessary ancillary works.

1. Allied Explorations Ltd
2. Arup
3. Babbie Group
4. BRE Scotland
5. Bullen Consultants
6. Capita Infrastructure Consultancy
7. C.C Geotechnical
8. C.L Associates Ltd
9. Conestega-Rovers & Associates (UK Ltd)
10. Corsair Environmental Consultants Ltd
11. ECUS Ltd
12. Fugro Engineering Services Ltd
13. Geotechnics Ltd
14. Ian Farmer Associates
15. IGNES
16. IMC Consulting Engineers
17. Komex Ltd
18. Lankelma
19. Leyden Kirby Associates Ltd
20. Mayfield Construction Company Ltd
21. Mouchel Parkmen
22. Nicholls Colton
23. Norwest Holst Soil Engineering Ltd
24. Parsons Brinckeroff Ltd
25. PSA Design
26. Ritchies
27. Scott Wilson
28. Serco Assurance
29. Soil Mechanics Ltd
30. Sub Soil Surveys Ltd
31. Sub Surface Northwest
32. Sutcliffe Investigations
33. Terra Consult
34. URS Corporation Ltd
35. Vectra Group Ltd
36. WRC Plc
37. WSP Environmental
38. D & I Drilling

1.2 The anticipated annual value of work across all activities is £50,000 based upon recent years experience but is indicative only.

1.3 The actual workload will be dependent on the requirements for Site Investigation Surveys within the Merseyside Metropolitan Districts during the term of the contract.

## 2.0 TYPES OF CONTRACT AND ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The precise location and extent of the works are unknown at this time, therefore the contracts have been priced on a schedule of rates basis.
- 2.2 Prior to the opening of Tenders, 3no cost models were assembled for a range of Site Investigation Services. These represent various and typical site investigation operations likely to be required and are briefly defined below. (It should be noted that details of the cost models are treated as confidential items and are disclosed immediately prior to the opening of Tenders).

Cost Model No 1 - Boreholes, trial pits and sampling  
Cost Model No 2 – Core drilling, sampling and laboratory testing  
Cost Model No 3 – Core drilling, sampling, laboratory testing and interpretative reporting

The tender totals received across each cost model are listed as follows:

<b>Cost Model No 1</b>	<b>Cost Model No 2</b>	<b>Cost Model No 3</b>
<b>£1767.50</b>	<b>£10264.00</b>	<b>£11334.00</b>
<b>£1965.00</b>	<b>£10685.00</b>	<b>£11692.00</b>
<b>£1981.00</b>	<b>£12901.50</b>	<b>£11973.50</b>
<b>£2088.50</b>	<b>£13299.00</b>	<b>£12136.00</b>
£2182.00	£13726.00	£12184.00
£2195.75	£14882.25	£12908.03
£2201.45	£15273.00	£12990.00
£2212.50	£16242.25	£13602.75
£2290.00	£17687.50	£20854.10
£2340.50	Incomplete	£22166.00
£2553.00	Incomplete	Incomplete

27 No Contractors failed to submit tenders, two failed to price all items in cost model No 2 and one failed to price all items in cost model No 3.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To give the laboratory the necessary flexibility in appointing contractors for work at short notice, it is recommended that the four lowest tenders in each of the 3 No cost models be approved.
- 3.2 Because some contractors are successful in more than one contract model, this will mean a total of 7 contractors being accepted overall.