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Consultant Civil Engineering Opportunity Swansea Valley January – September 2010

Swansea Canal Society invites tenders for a feasibility study for the building of a Canal basin in the area of the Swansea Canal adjacent to the proposed Pontardawe Arena, (51.43'44.32" N 3.50'14.53" W) .The report must be completed by September 2010.

Swansea Canal Society has obtained a £10,000 grant for this study and gross fees inclusive of VAT and all costs, travel and disbursements must be contained within this amount.

The detailed brief will be provided by the Designated Project leader of the Swansea Canal Society who will also act as the main contact point into the Society.

Consultants interested in submitting a tender proposal should be Chartered Civil Engineer or similar and Members of the Institute of Civil Engineers or other similar professional body, with additional qualifications in management and construction safety.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR TENDER:

- ✓ The Tender should include...
 - Examples of similar work undertaken,
 - CVs for all those involved
 - and contact details of 2 referees.
- ✓ Please supply two paper copies
- ✓ Plus one copy on CD
- ✓ Submit by Post to:
Swansea Canal Society, 21 Maple Close, Gorseinon, Swansea SA4 4XL
- ✓ Closing Date: 5pm on 4th December 2009.

Interviews will take place in December 2009 and the contract will start in January 2010

Overall Project Description/Objectives

Introduction

The Swansea Canal Society aims are to:

- restore the derelict Swansea Canal to navigation standards
- improve the environment of the canal for the benefits of its flora and fauna,
- promote the canal for recreation and education uses.

The Society works in partnership with British Waterways who manage the Swansea Canal.

“During our recent site visit it was evident that a canal basin would provide a useful additional facility to be used alone or in conjunction with the Pontardawe Arena. “ Spokesperson for British Waterways.

“A polo facility in a canal basin in the Swansea Valley would be a great boost to the development of Canoe Polo in S Wales The site at The Pontardawe Arena has great potential both for Polo development and Canoe Clubs generally. The basin could and would be used by clubs for general paddling and the Schools project would benefit too. Canoe Wales has a project aimed at creating 20 - 30 School Canoe Clubs in the next two years. Venues such as the proposed basin would be central to this type of activity.” Spokesperson for Canoe Wales.

Background information about the Pontardawe Arena project can be found on www.arenapontardawe.com

Feasibility Study Tender Brief

- Establish a feasibility study methodology for construction of a new canal basin.
- Identify potential uses of the basin pre Canal restoration.
- Survey potential demand for a basin post canal restoration
- determination of the appropriate size and shape for the basin and edge treatment given its proposed use for mooring of small leisure craft and canoe polo.
- obtain quotations for/ undertake geotechnical investigations which may indicate probability of the need to line the basin, potential contamination and therefore the feasibility of disposing of excavated material on site, location of major services.
- Prepare sketch scheme layouts of options
- Identify and assess statutory approvals that will be required
- Identify potential economic and social benefits/outputs.
- Create visuals showing what the basin could look like in conjunction with the Pontardawe Arena
- prepare outline costs/obtain quotations for outline costs
- Prepare a Feasibility Study report to present the results of all research and investigations and make recommendations for future action. The report should include a development programme with clear timelines, identifying project leads. It should also contain a detailed risk assessment.

Governance

Swansea Canal Society will convene a small steering group to oversee the delivery of this contract. Consultants should allow for 3 formal meetings with this group to cover the following:

- A contract initiation meeting
- A Draft Study review meeting
- A Final Study review meeting

In addition there will need to be regular contact with the Society's Designated Project Leader throughout the contract period.

Experience

Applicant will need a proven record within the field and experience of working with community projects and groups.

Insurance

Professional Indemnity £500,000

Employers Liability £10,000,000

Public Liability £5,000,000.

Fee - £10,000 contract includes all costs. Fees paid monthly on production of receipt of invoices for agreed work carried out.

Review Date/Right to Vary

This Consultancy appointment is as currently applies and will be reviewed regularly as part of Development and Performance Review and may be subject to other variance.

The Swansea Canal Society operates an equal opportunities policy.

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