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MHA+ names successful Professional Services Partnership Framework 4 (PSP 4) suppliers

Following an extensive development and procurement process, Midlands Highway Alliance Plus (MHA+) is pleased to announce the successful suppliers for its new Professional Services Partnership Framework 4 (PSP 4). The framework, expected to be in place for up to 8 years, is estimated to be worth in the region of £960 million over the full contract period.

The framework comprises two Lots.

The successful suppliers for Lot 1 (Consultancy Services) are:

- Amey OW Ltd,
- AECOM Ltd
- WSP Ltd.

The successful suppliers for Lot 2 (Temporary and Seconded Professional Staff) are:

- Waterman Aspen
- Matchtech Group UK Ltd.

The new framework is the fourth generation of the Alliance's professional services framework and will be available from 28 August 2023, although it will be formally launched at the Midlands Highway Alliance Plus (MHA+) annual event on 20 September 2023.

The framework retains its longstanding commitment, since 2007, to provide excellent value and share best practice through collaborative working. It has been further updated to meet the future needs of the 31 local highway authority members already using the PSP 3 framework and framework suppliers, particularly in terms of performance management, supplier selection options and workload share.

The PSP 4 Procurement Working Group, comprising volunteers drawn from across seven different member authorities, held over a dozen workshops, informed by user surveys, market engagement and supplier interviews. The volunteers continued their involvement throughout the procurement process, supported by Leicestershire County Council's procurement team, the MHA+ team and the MHA+ Programme Board.

Pat Clarke, Chair of the PSP 4 Procurement Working Group, Leicestershire County Council said, "Developing and procuring the new framework has been a real team effort. We have examined every aspect of the framework to ensure that we provide the value and flexibility that local highway authorities will need going forward to meet the challenging times ahead as well as make it an attractive framework for suppliers to commit to working with us on. I am looking forward to building and renewing strong relationships with the successful

suppliers and drawing on the innovations and ideas they have put forward to further develop this industry-leading framework.”

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Editors notes:

Midlands Highway Alliance Plus (MHA+) is a unique self-funding partnership promoting excellence in the delivery of highway services, working collaboratively to support member authorities in providing effective, efficient, innovative and sustainable customer focussed highway services.

The purpose of the professional services workstream is to ensure that MHA+ member authorities have easy and economical access to consultancy services. This is done through a professional services framework that all authorities can use. The current Professional Services Partnership 3 (PSP 3) expires on 27 August 2023.

Further information on the procurement process for PSP 4 is available on the MHA+ website: <https://www.mhaplus.org.uk/work-streams/professional-services/development-of-bsp4/>