

Benefits of New Contract

The benefits of the new contract are expected to include:

1. Simplified management of the service currently provided by three contractors and in-house teams.
2. Ability to reconfigure resources in event of reduced workload.
3. Contractor carries workforce employment risks in connection with redeployment and occupational hazards.
4. Specialist personnel and corporate best practice processes and procedures.
5. Management capability and capacity which has been assessed at the prequalification stage and tender quality assessment.
6. Greater flexibility for optimising deployment of operatives and resources.
7. Greater flexibility for redeploying personnel in response to budget changes.
8. Group-wide call-off arrangements for highway related materials and consumables resulting in price benefits due to bulk buying.
9. Established skills in dealing with highways related sub-contractors.
10. Ability to apply common operational management systems across services.
11. Established mobile working solutions for communications with field operatives.
12. Provision, updating, maintenance and renewal of specialist highways related ICT included in rates.
13. Effective specialist IT support for operational management systems.
14. Expertise in working with clients to develop public interfaces.
15. Dedicated Health and Safety specialist personnel and best practice procedures.
16. Economies of scale by dealing with Health and Safety issues across services and contracts.
17. Ingrained familiarity with regulations and procedures relating to CDM, H&S, HSE, etc.
18. Corporate Quality management and Environmental Management Systems.
19. Group wide training programmes for operatives and management.
20. Apprenticeships or work opportunities.
21. Access to wider highway community through other contracts and industry groups.
22. Highways research and development activities.
23. Joint innovation trials and sharing costs.
24. Collaboration and systems thinking reviews in conjunction with client.
25. Transfer of responsibility for non-strategic fleet to contractor.
26. Local management structure across the range of services.
27. Potentially reduced overhead costs for centrally provided support.
28. Potential capital investment in plant and equipment.