

LOCAL ENERGY EAST 'MAPPING, ANALYSIS AND MODELLING' CONTRACT

For decision:

- For Board Members to approve the awarding of the Local Energy East 'Mapping, analysis and modelling' contract to Cornwall Insight up to a value of £30,300 plus VAT.

Background:

- Local Energy East is the name of the Tri-LEP (GCGP, New Anglia and Hertfordshire LEPs) local energy research and strategy project funded by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS);
- In March 2017 GCGP led (on behalf of all three LEPs) a joint bid to BEIS to secure funding for a 12 month project culminating in an evidence based Tri-LEP local energy strategy;
- GCGP was one of nine projects funded, receiving the highest award of £150,000;
- This money will be used for LEP staff time, expenses, specialist contractors and other related costs pursuant of developing and publishing a local energy investment and delivery strategy as detailed in the application;
- The Local Energy East project has a Steering Group, comprising LEP representatives, for governance and scrutiny and a Project Delivery Group, comprising LEP, business sector, local authority, third sector, academia and Distribution Network Operators who contribute and support delivery of the project.

The proposal:

- The project application detailed the need to procure specialist service contractor(s) to complement the Project Delivery Team skill set. The contractor(s) would provide the detailed mapping, analysis and modelling of energy demand, supply, generation, storage and distribution opportunities and barriers for both electricity and heat;
- A budget of £55,000 was set aside for this purpose;
- Following an open tender process, four tenders were received on the 25th July 2017 in the range £30,300 to £46,985, excluding VAT;
- All four tender submissions have been screened for compliance and scored independently by four LEP/LA officers. They all provide high value for money offering a greater level of depth, project delivery team support and added value above the minimum specified in the ITT;
- The tendering process was devised in co-operation with officers at the LEP's accountable body, Cambridgeshire County Council;
- Board Members are now asked to formally approve the awarding of the contract with a value in of £30,300 plus VAT, to be funded by the aforementioned BEIS award.