**Contractor’s Brief for Saltwells NNR Stage Zero River Restoration Project**

**1. Introduction**

Severn Rivers Trust (SRT) is looking to appoint a contractor on behalf of the Black Country Blue Network Project (BCBN) to undertake habitat improvemenets along the Black Brook, a reach of a reach of water course that runs through Saltwells National Nature Reserve in Dudley.

The primary aim is the removal of a longitudinal habitat fragmentation features in the form of a weirs and the instillation of a small block in the channel to push the water out of the channel and allow the flow of the river to bypass the barriers. A number of large woody debris chop and drop style natural flood management features shall also be installed. The aim is for improving the riparian corridor for associated species of this brook and improving the connectivity and flow diversity of the watercourse to help reduce localised flooding.

Objective: to introduce a small block in the Black Brook North of the upper most weir structure, this will push the flow of the water out onto the true lefthand bank allowing the water to find its own way back into the channel lower down the site below the lower weir structure, instillation of chop and drop natural flood management features and some soft engineering at critical points such as the block and the embankment which directs the flow back into the channel.

Outcome: Improve the site for the local community through this scheduled management and to make sure the sites access is left in a pre-project state.

It is anticipated that this will be completed by the February.

You are invited to submit a proposal and cost through a formal tendering process in order to deliver this project as part of the SRT scheme.

**2. Description of Ludgbridge Brook project**To undertake the construction of a small block in the Black Brook to push the impound the water which causes it to spill over the true lefthand bank. Once the flow overtops the bank it will allow the new course of the river to form and in the process it will bypass the two current weir structures in the channel. instillation of chop and drop style natural flood management features and soft engineering at vulnerable points such as the new block and the embankment where the flow of the stage zero channel needs to be pushed back into the channel. The works is outlined within the Appendix document in more detail. The aims of the project are to make the brook more diverse in flow regime making it more attractive to local wildlife and increasing the amount of wet woodland. This project will also impede the flow of water within the brook which we hope will reduce flooding further downstream as well as reducing maintenance costs post flooding.

**3. Project Definition and Requirements**

In summary, the successful contractor will be required to carry out the following as part of the contract.

At the moment we are anticipating that the project should take no longer than 4 working days to mobilise and complete the below:

1. Creation of the small block in channel.
2. Soft engineering on the block and the embankment.
3. Works area will need to have banksmen onsite to direct the public throughout the capital delivery and whilst plant machinery is onsite. Although access to the area of works is not very accessible by the public on foot.
4. Undertake instillation of natural flood management features in channel and across stage zero flow area.
5. Access routes will need to be reinstated to pre project conditions.
6. Pre commencement checks will need to be undertaken due to protected species been present onsite.

**4. Supporting Documents**

The documents listed below are available from the SRT project officer and should be used in conjunction with this Brief to inform the tender submitted:

* Slatwells NNR Stage Zero Appendix document

**5. Procurement Process**

This contract is being tendered via Severn Rivers Trust and this standard brief has been issued to a select list of suitably qualified contractors and advertised on our website for open invitation responses. Our approved contractors which we have previously utilised for project delivery have received an “Invitation to Quote”. The select list has been chosen based on perceived suitability for the piece of work. New delivery partners will need to fill out and return our contractors questionnaire to be added to the approved contractors list.

All contractors interested in submitting a tender may contact the Project Officer to seek clarification on any points within this Brief prior to submitting their tender. One site visit per contractor may be arranged upon request, although this is subject to COVID protocols and risk, as well as government advice at the time. Contractors must not directly discuss this project with any other member of staff from Severn Rivers Trust.

The successful contractor will be selected on the basis of their written response to the brief. Submissions will be assessed on the basis set out in the following sections.

Below is an indicative timetable for the appointment of the contractor and the completion of the works (please note that this may be subject to change due to the ongoing COVID pandemic):

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| **Milestone** | **Date** |
| Brief issued | 22nd November 2022 |
| Deadline for submission of quotes / tenders | 12th December 2022 |
| Appointment of contractor | 19th December 2022 |
| Submission of documents including signed contracts | 9th January 2023 |
| Commencement of works | From January 2023 |
| Completion of works | End February 2023 |

**6. Submission Requirements**

Contractors wishing to quote for this work are asked to provide the following:

* Quality Assessment. The format of this document is left to the discretion of the contractor but it should be no longer than 20 A4 pages and should include the following:
	+ A description of the suggested approach to the works, highlighting key issues, proposed methodology and risks.
	+ Health and Safety Policies – to cover all aspects of work, as set out above.
	+ The contractor’s head or regional office location.
	+ A breakdown of the programme of works – its key stages and an indicative timetable for completing the work (including the length of time the work is expected to take) and the earliest point at which this work could begin.
	+ A statement on the relevance and skills of their organisation to the delivery of this work including evidence of any relevant experience.

Please note that the contract, including all works must be completed by the end of February 2023 at the latest.

* Health and Safety Assessment.
	+ The Trust’s Health and Safety Policy and procedures shall always be adhered to by the Tenderer whilst undertaking the Works. Copies of the Policy and Handbook of any Tenderer are available to the Client on request. The Tenderer shall exceed or at least adhere to the Trust’s requirements, duties and responsibilities.
	+ The Tenderer shall be responsible for the health and safety implications of all operations to complete the required Works.
	+ The Tenderer must be aware that there is always potential public access and as such the Tenderer may be approached by the public at any time during any site visits.
	+ The Tenderer must prepare a site risk assessment to cover site visits, engagement with the public and safeguards against spreading of any potential COVID 19 infection.
* Price Assessment. The contractor must include a breakdown of all fees and costs (and whether costs are including or excluding VAT)

**The tender documents should be submitted by 16:30 on 12th of December (via email).** No late submissions will be accepted.

**Please submit your documents to:**

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**7. Assessment**

This contract will be awarded based on the price and the quality criteria indicated below.

**The contractor’s quality and price submissions will be scored and those scores weighted in the ratio 30:70 (quality: price).** The contractor with the highest aggregate score will be considered for the work.

The price assessment will be marked out of 100 points. The lowest price quote will be awarded 100 marks. The other submissions will have one mark deducted for each percentage point by which the cost is above that of the lowest (e.g. a contractor tendering at a total of 20% above the lowest price will receive 80 marks).

The quality assessment will be marked out of 100 points allocated against weighted criteria as described below. The assessment will judge submissions based wholly on the contents of the information provided using a common evaluation method. The highest quality score calculated will be awarded 100 marks. Other quality scores will have one mark deducted for each percentage point by which the total is below that of the highest (e.g. a total of 20% below the best quality score will receive 80 marks). The assessors will keep in mind three key questions when reviewing submissions:

Confidence: Does the proposed contractor give reassurance that they are likely to achieve the needs and objectives of the Brief?

Value: Do the proposals provide best value?

Risk: Has the submission identified all the risks presented by the proposal?

The Assessment Criteria (quality):

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|  | Item | Marks (out of 5)(a) | Weighting(b) | Total(a x b) |
| 1. | Proposed methodology for undertaking the work identified within the brief. |  | 5 |  |
| 2. | Understanding of the key issues identified within the brief, including Health & Safety. |  | 5 |  |
| 3. | Evidence of previous experience of similar projects (individual or contractor team). |  | 5 |  |
| 4. | The indicated breakdown of the key stages, areas of work and the indicative timetable. |  | 5 |  |

Below is an indication of how submissions will be scored (quality):

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| 1.  | Proposed methodology for undertaking the work identified within the briefIs there a clear and structured approach to the work required?  | 5. Have demonstrated a comprehensive approach to the work that goes beyond all the key work identified in the brief.4. Have demonstrated a comprehensive approach to the work that includes all the key work identified in the brief. 3. Have demonstrated a good approach to the work that includes all the key work identified in the brief.2. Have demonstrated a good approach that includes some of the key work identified in the brief.1. Have demonstrated an adequate approach to some or all of the key work identified in the brief. 0. Have not provided a satisfactory methodology.  |
| 2. | Understanding of the key issues identified within the brief, including Health & SafetyIs there a clear understanding of the key issues set out in the brief? | 5. Have demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of the issues that goes beyond all those identified in the brief.4. Have demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of the issues that includes all those identified in the brief. 3. Have demonstrated a good understanding of the issues that includes all those identified in the brief.2. Have demonstrated an understanding of the issues that includes all those identified in the brief.1. Have demonstrated an adequate understanding of some or all of those identified in the brief. 0. Have not provided a satisfactory methodology. |
| 3. | Evidence of previous experience of similar projects (individual or contractor team) | 5. Are able to provide three directly relevant and comparable examples of previous pieces of work. 4. Are able to provide two directly relevant and comparable examples of previous pieces of work.3. Are able to provide one directly relevant and comparable examples of previous pieces of work.0. Are not able to provide any relevant and comparable examples of previous projects.  |
| 4. | The indicated breakdown of the key stages, areas of work and the indicative timetable | 5. Have demonstrated a comprehensive approach to the work that goes beyond that identified in the brief.4. Have demonstrated a comprehensive approach to the work that includes everything identified in the brief. 3. Have demonstrated a good approach to the work that includes everything identified in the brief.2. Have demonstrated a good approach that includes everything identified in the brief.1. Have demonstrated an adequate approach to some or all identified in the brief. 0. Have not provided a satisfactory approach. |
| Any applicant scoring less than “acceptable – 3 marks” in two or more categories or any scores of “not acceptable” will be disqualified. Contractors will also be disqualified from the tendering process if the works cannot be delivered by the end of 2022. |

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