



BRADFORD 2025

UK City of Culture

Request for Proposals – Beacon Technical Package Design & Build Contract

Bradford becomes the fourth UK City of Culture in January 2025. The district was selected by the UK Government in May 2022 from a record-breaking 20 bids, following on from Derry~Londonderry (2013), Hull (2017) and Coventry (2021) to take on one of the most prestigious and transformative titles in UK culture.

The Beacon is our travelling venue, visiting four parks in the Bradford District during the Spring and Summer of 2025.

Bradford Culture Company Ltd (BCC), operating as Bradford 2025 (the Company), is seeking to appoint a suitably experienced and qualified supplier (the Provider) with specific expertise in cultural sector specialist trades. The Provider will work with the in-house technical team to design, supply, install, test and commission a full-service technical package to include Audio, Lighting, Projection, Control and Show Comms.

BCC would like to invite interested providers to tender for this business. Tender proposals can be submitted for either Lighting, Sound, or both.

Providers must meet BCCs procurement objectives:

- To ensure that procurement activities reflect BCC's approach to transparency, sustainability, value for money and equality, diversity, and inclusion.
- To ensure BCC's commitment to the communities of Bradford is reflected in the procurement process.
- To ensure BCC's duty to its funders to deliver best value for money.
- To ensure compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

Specification and Scope of Work:

- Full detailed scope of work and plans will be provided to interested parties – see below how to apply
- Brief description – Work with in-house technical team to design, supply, install, test and commission a full-service technical package to include Production Electrics, Rigging, Draping, Audio, Lighting, Projection, Control and Show Comms

Criteria for Selection:

- Proven experience of similar works – track record of previous projects
- Capacity to deliver within the timeframe – this is **critical** for this contract
- Local to Bradford/West Yorkshire/Yorkshire.
- Best value for money.
- Alignment with BCC's procurement objectives.

Budget and Timescale:

- Budget up to £250K
- Open queries deadline – 10am Friday 31st January. Replies to queries will be circulated by 5pm Monday 3rd February
- Closing date for proposals 5pm Friday 7th February

How to Apply:

Please email expressions of interest to procurement@bradford2025.co.uk

We will provide you with a link to the full detailed scope of works, technical specifications and tender instructions.