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Contract

England's Connected Heartland (ECH) - Railway Project

Oxfordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046be9

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKH11 - Peterborough

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

England's Connected Heartland (ECH) - Railway Project

Reference number

DN725782

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

On behalf of England's Connected Heartland 5G Innovation Region (ECH 5GIR), Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) intends to procure a contract for a single Supplier to install and operate 5G mobile private network managed services for Rail Lines in the ECH region.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £2,681,357

II.2) Description**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 32400000 - Networks
- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies
- 44212200 - Towers, lattice masts, derricks and pylons
- 45231600 - Construction work for communication lines
- 51300000 - Installation services of communications equipment
- 72100000 - Hardware consultancy services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH11 - Peterborough
- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC
- UKH21 - Luton
- UKH24 - Bedford
- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire
- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

On behalf of England's Connected Heartland 5G Innovation Region (ECH 5GIR), Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) intends to procure a contract for a single Supplier to install and operate 5G mobile private network managed services for Rail Lines in the ECH region.

The procurement will evaluate tenders based on the specification for a scenario deployment for the East West Rail Line (Bicester to Bletchley), with the possibility to extend the network to further locations during the term.

The network will underpin a wide array of applications, from providing passenger Wi-Fi and Point of Sale applications, rail operations, real-time information services to support the technological needs of the rail line, and smart agricultural applications for trackside neighbours.

We invite interested parties to review this notice and consider the opportunity to contribute to a project that promises to enhance connectivity along the East West Rail Line (Bicester to Bletchley) and set a model for similar networks elsewhere in the UK and beyond.

The Contract has a term of 7 years and there are options to extend the Initial Term for periods up to a maximum of three years.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-016696](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 November 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

AWTG Limited

8 Canham Mews, Canham Road,

London,

W3 7SR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH11 - Peterborough

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,681,357

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom