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Contract

Cost Consultants Framework

Wessex Water Services Ltd

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Wessex Water Services Ltd

Claverton Down Road

Bath

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Email

eprocurement@wessexwater.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.wessexwater.co.uk

I.6) Main activity

Water

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Cost Consultants Framework

Reference number

PROF026

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The provision of Cost Consultancy Services. Standard services to be provided are as follows, but not limited to:

- Investment planning
- Unit Cost Database (UCD)
- Embodied, Operational and RENO Operational Carbon Accounting
- Capital Allowances and Tax Depreciation
- Economics
- Provision of Resource

In addition to the services described above, we require, as part of the day to day business, specific services that we must undertake as a regulated Utility company, and these can include;

- Project Performance benchmarking
- Operating performance benchmarking

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71240000 - Architectural, engineering and planning services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The standard services for the business are as follows, but not limited to:

- Investment planning – working with the internal team to provide input values for inclusion into the Service Measure Framework / Cost & Benefit process; to provide efficiency benchmarking of internally generated values; any output will need to be operated and maintained by Wessex Water resources
- Unit Cost Database (UCD) – working with the internal team to support the production of a Wessex Water UCD for new asset models; asset replacement and refurbishment models; non-asset solution models; collection of relevant data for use with the Water Research Council's TR61 cost modelling software
- Embodied, Operational and RENO Operational Carbon Accounting – working with the internal team to support the production of Embodied Carbon, Operational and RENO OPEX Carbon values to help meet our PR24 and OFWAT reporting requirements and our Net Zero Carbon by 2030 commitment
- Capital Allowances and Tax Depreciation – looking at the annual capital expenditure

incurred by the Company, provide ongoing support in preparing all relevant underlying cost analysis culminating in a detailed split of the annual capital expenditure between the relevant tax categories for inclusion in the company's corporation tax computation. In addition, you would provide adhoc advice on the capital allowance profile of a specific capital asset programme or related capital allowance support by combining cost segregation skills, building technology, tax and accountancy

- Economics – working with the internal team to develop a bespoke construction index that utilises Wessex Water Services Ltd data; to undertake an independent review on inflation, both historically and forecast, within the UK and South West Region of the UK; to provide support to create, review and critique the approach to setting efficient benchmarks using econometric models; to provide support to create, review and critique the real price effects & frontier shift / productivity efficiency modelling
- Provision of Resource - resource to supplement the Wessex Water teams – both at the Consultants home office and co-located at Wessex Water offices as necessary which may also include services as detailed above

In addition to the services described above, we require, as part of the day to day business, specific services that we must undertake as a regulated Utility company, and these can include;

- Project Performance benchmarking – with a large part of our programme being management/delivered internally it is even more important that we can demonstrate our efficiency both to the regulator and customers as part of our business plan and also day-to-day to our board. This may take a number of forms depending on the sub-programme being reviewed.
- Operating performance benchmarking – our efficiency is assessed based on capital and opex, so it is important that we can demonstrate our efficiency to the regulators and customers as part of our business plan and also day-to-day to our board. This may take a number of forms dependent on the area of opex cost being assessed.

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

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 December 2021

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Wessex Water Services Ltd

Bath

Email

eprocurement@wessexwater.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Wessex Water Services Limited commenced standstill period at the point information on the award was communicated to tenderers. The notification provided full information on the award decision. The standstill period of a minimum of 10 calendar days, provided time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the decision before the contract is entered into.

The Utilities Regulations 2016 (SI 2016 No 274) provides for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England) within 30 days of knowledge or constructive knowledge of a breach.