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Contract

COV - CVLR Principal Designer (ITS Route)

Coventry City Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-060170

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Coventry City Council

Council House, Earl Street

Coventry

CV15RR

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKG33 - Coventry

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.csw-jets.co.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

COV - CVLR Principal Designer (ITS Route)

Reference number

COV-24337

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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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: £1,396,820.86

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG33 - Coventry

Main site or place of performance

Coventry

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Company Background and Experience / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Roles and Responsibilities / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Resources and Planning / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Value Engineering, Innovation and Continuous Improvement / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology and Quality / Safety Assurance / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 10

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The contract is as a result of a further competition under a previously established Framework (6 suppliers).

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 December 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ove Arup & Partners Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

01312453

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,396,820.86

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,296,820.86

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Council of the City of Coventry

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom