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Contract

Variation to SIM Management Services contract

Crown Estate Scotland

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-039a63

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://crownestatescotland.com/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA29444

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Variation to SIM Management Services contract

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73220000 - Development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79421000 - Project-management services other than for construction work
- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79211000 - Accounting services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

In April 2023, Crown Estate Scotland, as agent on behalf of the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council (SOWEC), appointed OVE Arup & Partners to provide a number of management and other associated services (SIM (Strategic Investment Management) Management Service Provider) to the SIM Group for an initial period of up to 12 months. Crown Estate Scotland was to be the contracting party as agent on behalf of the SIM Group pending a new legal entity (SIM legal vehicle) being created. The intention was that, once the SIM legal vehicle had been established, the contract would be novated to that newly created legal entity. Following advice from the SIM Management Service Provider, the SIM Group recommended not proceeding with the new legal entity and Crown Estate Scotland (as agent) agreed to continue to be the contracting party with OVE Arup & Partners to ensure momentum and progress with the SIM process.

The value of the original appointment was GBP339,670 which was based on an

assumption of a number of applications. Subsequently 45 applications were received which was in excess of the numbers assumed. As a result, there was a requirement for additional resource to be allocated to service this requirement, primarily due to the high value associated with the data being received and the outcome sought. The extra resource required to evaluate applications and provide project information to the SIM Group resulted in an increased contract value of GBP460,000.

All applications to the SIM have now been evaluated and the SIM is progressing to Stage 2 'Investment/Implementation'. The transition and Stage 2 of the SIM process is being established and structured by the Management Service Provider, with the SIM Group and it continues to be complex. The contract includes an option to vary the total contract value up to a maximum of GBP600,000 for scope expansion. The scope expansion has been endorsed by the SIM Group and the contract value will hereby be increased to GBP600,000 to recognise the additional work required to facilitate transition and Stage 2 of the process. The contract expiration date will hereby be increased to 28th June 2024 to allow time to conclude this phase and plan for any future work.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

17 April 2023

End date

28 June 2024

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.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

998

Title

Variation to SIM Management Services contract

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

17 April 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Ove Arup & Partners

Scotstoun House, South Queensferry, West Lothian

Edinburgh

EH30 9SE

Telephone

+44 1313193027

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:755052)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 73220000 - Development consultancy services

VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

17 April 2023

End date

28 June 2024

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£600,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The value of the contract has been increased by GBP140000 to a total of GBP600000 and the contract expiration date has been amended from 16 April 2024 to 28 June 2024.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

The number of applications to the SIM exceeded expectations and requires additional resource.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £460,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £600,000