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Award

Intelligent Transport System Service

Suffolk County Council

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKH14 - Suffolk

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.suffolk.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

Intelligent Transport System Service

Reference number

CD1383

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50232000 - Maintenance services of public-lighting installations and traffic lights

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Council currently has a Highways Services contract with Kier Integrated Services which commenced in October 2013. As part of the contract the Intelligent Transport System maintenance and service has been subcontracted to Swarco UK formerly Dynniq UK, for the whole duration of the contract following on from the previous contract through which they also delivered this service to the Council.

The Council intends to continue the existing service with Swarco UK for the provision of an intelligent transport system maintenance service for Suffolk's existing ITS portfolio which has been implemented and operates using Swarco proprietary systems and equipment.

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: £15,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34923000 - Road traffic-control equipment
- 34924000 - Variable message signs
- 34970000 - Traffic-monitoring equipment
- 34996000 - Control, safety or signalling equipment for roads

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

Main site or place of performance

The activity will mainly take place in Suffolk but could also occur within the East of England region

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The maintenance and upkeep of the existing ITS system in Suffolk including but not limited to the following. Fault and Asset Management, Compatible Materials, Equipment and Parts, Emergency and Fault Service, Periodic Inspection, Optical Maintenance, Fault Reporting by the Public, General Maintenance and New and Replacement Installations.

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:

Swarco UK (formerly Dynniq UK) have been successfully delivering the service since 2001. The service has involved Fault and Asset Management, Compatible Materials, Equipment and Parts, Emergency and Fault Service, Periodic Inspection, Optical Maintenance, Fault Reporting by the Public, General Maintenance and New and Replacement Installations.

Suffolk County Council has determined that no other organisation can provide this service and therefore that there is no competitive market because of the need for compatibility with the existing systems including our urban traffic management and control system along with ninety nine percent of our existing ITS assets being Swarco UK equipment. As such, Suffolk has decided to commence a negotiation directly with Swarco to enter into a new agreement, on largely the same terms as the previously procured contract, and intends to finalise such negotiations later this year.

Whilst Suffolk CC is confident that its analysis of these circumstances is correct, it remains committed to meeting its public procurement obligations and, in particular, its commitments to transparency and equal treatment. It is therefore filing this notice to ensure that no other service provider believes it could in fact meet the requirements as described above. If you do believe you can, then please contact us via martin.jennings@suffolk.gov.uk for a more detailed discussion.

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/concession

Contract No

CD1383

Title

Intelligent Transport System Maintenance

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

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

SWARCO UK LIMITED

Hemmel Hempstead

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Companies House

02754698

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £15,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £15,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Suffolk County Council reserves the right to procure repeat requirements of a similar nature without a further call for competition pursuant to Regulation 32 of the public contracts Regulations 2015 (or such similar provisions as shall be in force in England & Wales at that time).

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Suffolk County Council incorporates a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the point at which information on the award of contract is communicated. If an appeal regarding the award of contract has not been successfully resolved: The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by a breach of the rules, to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Any such action must be brought promptly