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Contract

Rural Payments Service and associated support services and integration

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-042ece

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Rural Payments Service and associated support services and integration

Reference number

C20303

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

Rural Payments Service and associated support services and integration

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: £246,850

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Rural Payments Service and associated support services and integration

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

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 incumbent supplier holds sole access rights to the IP, as they built, designed, maintain, operate and support the Rural Payments Service platform. However, we are looking to reduce this dependency by moving the service to the cloud in the next financial year, and thereby reducing the sole management splitting it to Defra and a supplier (yet to be agreed as it is subject to a competitive tender process to take effect from July 2024.)

Therefore, it is believed that situations 3, and 4, of the five permissible situations set out in the STA Guidance were met. KITS is the only supplier with the expertise and/or equipment to complete the task (Sole Supplier) due to their knowledge of the platform they built and they hold sole access rights to intellectual or property rights (Property Rights) as they designed, built, maintain, operate and support the Rural Payments Service platform. This is in accordance with Reg 32(2)(iii) the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property right.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

20 October 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Keep IT Simple Ltd

7 Savoy Court, London

London

WC2R 0EX

Telephone

+44 7885112020

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

National registration number

10443621

Internet address

www.keepitsimple-uk.com

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £246,850

Total value of the contract/lot: £246,850

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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