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Award

Provision of specialist construction advice to Welsh Ministers

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKL - Wales

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.gov.wales>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of specialist construction advice to Welsh Ministers

Reference number

C161/2023/2024

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71530000 - Construction consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

CEW will provide advice and reports on current issues affecting the construction sector to Welsh Ministers and Officials.

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: £375,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71530000 - Construction consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

CEW will provide advice and reports on current issues affecting the construction sector to Welsh Ministers and Officials, principally, but not exclusively, in the following areas: -

- a. Current market intelligence impacting on the sector as affecting WG to deliver PfG and Cooperation Agreement commitments and priorities, sustainability and economic growth along with apprenticeships skills, training and employment opportunities.
- b. Advice on procurement, price fluctuation issues, pipeline and net zero carbon and supply chain issues affecting the sector generally.
- c. Advice on innovation, collaborative behaviours, and modern methods of construction and standardisation of construction processes which support the circular and foundation economy across Wales.
- d. Provide market intelligence, research, and comment on areas of specific WG interest.

Provide the Welsh Government with an annual report for the construction sector, highlighting the impact of public sector investment across Wales along with identified regional and national opportunities.

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:

Extensive market research has been undertaken to ascertain whether there exists an

organisation similar to Constructing Excellence Wales (CEW) able to provide unbiased, impartial and credible advice across the entire spectrum of construction activity, and none was identified.

CEW is a not-for-profit organisation widely recognised by the sector as the independent and impartial voice for construction in Wales. It has over 20 years of experience and commitment to supporting improvements, collaboration, and best practice in the delivery of Welsh built assets. They are the only independent professional construction sector advisory body able to provide advice across the entire range of issues in Wales, required to support Ministers.

CEW is well established within the sector within Wales and represents a wide range of construction stakeholders; is an advisor to Welsh Government, Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), Consortium of Local Authorities in Wales (CLAW), Local Authorities and other public sector bodies. CEW has the ability to engage with, and impartially represent, the full spectrum of supply chain members utilising a trusted relationship which has developed over 20 years.

CEW has the capability to undertake pan-Wales sectoral analysis and reporting, in respect of the impact and value added through our capital investment programmes.

The work they will deliver will provide Ministers with a greater degree of 'independence than if delivered directly by the Welsh Government and would assist in understanding progress towards the delivery of the Welsh Government's priorities set out within the Wales Infrastructure Investment Strategy (WIIS) along with dynamic reviews and future iterations of the WIIS.

It is the opinion of Welsh Government that this contract therefore aligns with Regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations in that "competition is absent for technical reasons".

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

C161/2023/2024

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 January 2024

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

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £375,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a notification of a contract award.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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