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Contract

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) citation review and feature interpretation

NATURAL ENGLAND (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-037eb4

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NATURAL ENGLAND (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

17 Nobel House

London

SW1P 3JR

Email

harjinder.grewal@defra.gov.uk

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

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) citation review and feature interpretation

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90700000 - Environmental services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The project will involve undertaking a comprehensive analysis of SSSI citations to correctly interpret and establish a legally sound list of notified features. Two worked examples are provided in Annex 1, the text in these examples is for reference only to depict how conclusions were made, it is anticipated that the outputs the successful Contractor provides

will be in a spreadsheet format. Please note, some citations will be easier than the examples, and others more complex. Natural England will provide guidance on award of contract to assist with the interpretation of the citations and ensure a consistent approach is taken across sites.

When listing the identified features of a site this should be expressed in simple and brief terms, as written in the citation. There is no need to alter the wording or to fit the features into pre-defined categories such as National Vegetation Classification (NVC) or Common Standards Monitoring classifications.

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: £160,298.33

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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A full list of SSSI citations to be reviewed will be provided to the successful Contractor with links to a pdf version of each citation document. It is only the citation document that should be reviewed, no other site information can be taken into account for this exercise.

Approximately 3,500 sites will need to be assessed by the successful Contractor over the course of the contract, however Natural England will highlight priority sites that will need to be delivered first.

Natural England will set milestones for delivery of outputs at fixed times during the length of the contract to be agreed with the successful contractor. Natural England will take up to a 10% sample of each output batch to QA and provide feedback. This feedback should then be incorporated by the successful contractor into a final list of notified features for the relevant sites. The % QA sample may reduce as the successful contractor becomes more familiar with the process.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

3 month contract extension

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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

11 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

FPCR Environment and Design Ltd.

Lockington Hall, Lockington, Derby, DE74 2RH

Derby

DE74 2RH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £160,298.33

Total value of the contract/lot: £160,298.33

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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