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Contract

In-Service Conformity Light-Duty Emissions Testing

Department for Transport

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Transport

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://dft.app.jaggaer.com/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

In-Service Conformity Light-Duty Emissions Testing

Reference number

VCA0002

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71300000 - Engineering services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA), with the understanding of the Swedish Transport Agency (STA), invites submissions from Suppliers for the undertaking of light-duty vehicle emissions testing for the purposes of the “New In-Service Conformity (ISC) Methodology”, introduced in Annex II (Part B) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1151, as amended by 2018/1832 (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/GA/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32018R1832>).

In this Contract, the Supplier will be required to source, examine and test vehicles in accordance with this methodology, for a minimum of two ISC annual programmes (2020 and 2021) with an option to extend the contract to cover a third annual programme (2022) subject to the agreement of all parties.

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: £430,327.50

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71300000 - Engineering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A review by the European Commission of the historical light-duty emissions In-Service Conformity (ISC) tests, previously only performed by the manufacturers, revealed that very few ‘fails’ were reported to type approval authorities. This is despite known emissions-related recall campaigns and other voluntary actions being implemented in-market.

In an attempt to increase the effectiveness of ISC, and improve the correlation between a manufacturer’s ISC failure rates and in-market remedial actions, control has now also been given to Granting Type Approval Authorities (GTAAAs) to perform ISC tests on a percentage of the approved vehicle emission types each year. The GTAA in this case is STA.

VCA and STA are responsible for selecting which vehicle types shall be tested each year for ISC. This is based on a risk assessment, supported by multiple data sources, to identify the vehicles that are most likely to “not comply with ISC rules”. This pertains to the vehicle exceeding one or more of the Euro 6 pollutant emissions limits, as given in Regulation (EC) No 715/2007, in Type 1, 4, 6 or RDE tests.

VCA and STA do not currently have the facilities in order to perform light-duty emissions tests required for ISC. As a result, VCA and STA are seeking the services of a Supplier with these facilities to perform this work.

Only Type 1 and RDE tests, as detailed in Annex IIIA and XXI, respectively, of Regulation (EU)

2017/1151, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2018/1832 (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/GA/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32018R1832>), will be included in the scope of this ISC testing.

The GTAA is required to publish an annual report which presents the results of all ISC testing conducted in the previous year, as well as all associated investigations therein (once closed). The deadline for submitting this report is 31 March of each year.

VCA and STA have identified 12 ISC families (i.e. vehicle types) that need to be tested for ISC purposes for the ISC 2020 annual programme. According to the regulation, a minimum sample size of three vehicles is required for each family (i.e. 36 vehicles total). However, the scope of this Contract is planned to exclude the testing of the first vehicle from each sample, as that activity has been awarded in a separate contract (subject to delivery). Therefore, a minimum of 24 vehicles are required to be tested by the Supplier who is awarded this Contract.

It has been decided to split the contracts in this way to commence the ISC 2020 testing as soon as possible, and allow for the “statistical folders” to be opened for each test type (see last paragraph in point 5.10.1. of Annex II,) before 31 March 2021. Once each folder has been opened, the GTAA has 12 months to complete all testing (with an extra 6 months if necessary), which is permitted to go beyond the 31 March date.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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

Notice number: [2020/S 243-603172](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

VCA0002

Title

In-Service Conformity Light-Duty Emissions Testing

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 February 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

AVL Powertrain UK Limited

Sable Way Southfields Business Park Basildon

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)

Total value of the contract/lot: £430,327.50

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Vehicle Certification Agency

CA Headquarters, 1 The Eastgate Office Centre, Eastgate Road, Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Vehicle Certification Agency

VCA Headquarters, 1 The Eastgate Office Centre, Eastgate Road, Bristol

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Vehicle Certification Agency

Vehicle Certification Agency

Country

United Kingdom