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Contract

Lower Thames Crossing - Tunnels and Approaches

National Highways

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043888

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

National Highways

Woodlands Manton Lane

Bedford

MK41 7LW

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

National registration number

9346363

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Lower Thames Crossing - Tunnels and Approaches

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

National Highways is the government company charged with operating, maintaining and improving England's strategic road networks. The Lower Thames Crossing (LTC) is a proposed new road connecting Kent, Thurrock and Essex through tunnels underneath the River Thames. The Programme will relieve the congested Dartford Crossing and approach roads and improve their performance by

providing sufficient north-south road capacity. On the south side of the River Thames, the new road will link the tunnel to the A2 and M2 in Kent. On the north side, it will link to the A13 and junction 29 of the M25 in the London Borough of Havering. There are Three Main Works contracts in this Programme. This procurement is for the Tunnels and Approaches contract only, which will interface with the other two Main Works contracts.

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: £1,344,687,196

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 31600000 - Electrical equipment and apparatus
- 31625100 - Fire-detection systems

- 34928110 - Road barriers
- 34928470 - Signage
- 35110000 - Firefighting, rescue and safety equipment
- 35111000 - Firefighting equipment
- 35111500 - Fire suppression system
- 45112500 - Earthmoving work
- 45221000 - Construction work for bridges and tunnels, shafts and subways
- 45221200 - Construction work for tunnels, shafts and subways
- 45221240 - Construction work for tunnels
- 45221245 - Under-river tunnel construction work
- 45221247 - Tunnelling works
- 45233000 - Construction, foundation and surface works for highways, roads
- 45233100 - Construction work for highways, roads
- 45233120 - Road construction works
- 45310000 - Electrical installation work
- 45350000 - Mechanical installations
- 51100000 - Installation services of electrical and mechanical equipment
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71200000 - Architectural and related services
- 71311220 - Highways engineering services
- 71321000 - Engineering design services for mechanical and electrical installations for buildings
- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works
- 71334000 - Mechanical and electrical engineering services
- 71400000 - Urban planning and landscape architectural services
- 71420000 - Landscape architectural services
- 71500000 - Construction-related services

- 92222000 - Closed circuit television services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England
- UKH32 - Thurrock
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKJ4 - Kent

Main site or place of performance

Kent, Thurrock, East of Gravesend and Tilbury.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Project is to design and construct two highway tunnels beneath the River Thames and has been procured under the Competitive Dialogue Procedure. The contract governing the Project is based on the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC) form of contract. The scope includes the portal structures, approach roads, the tunnel controls systems (MEICA) and a five year landscape maintenance and aftercare contract. At circa 16 metres in diameter, these tunnels will be some of the largest bored tunnels in the world. Each tunnel will feature a three-lane carriage way. Each tunnel will be circa 4km in length, with approximately 1km of approach roads from each portal connecting into the two neighbouring roads contracts.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

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

Competitive dialogue

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 223-549440](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bouygues Travaux Publics

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

J Murphy & Sons Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,344,687,196

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

National Highways

Bridge House

Guilford

GU1 4LZ

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

National Highways incorporated a minimum 10 calendar day standstill at the point information on award of the contract is communicate to tenderers.

Appeals must be logged in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No. 102) as amended.