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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**

[annabel.dunn@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:annabel.dunn@nationalhighways.co.uk)

#### **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

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## **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](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Title**

Lower Themes Crossing - Tunnels and Approaches

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

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## **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.