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Award

Metal (Non-Coal) Mines Delivery Programme Until 2025/26

Natural Resources Wales

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Metal (Non-Coal) Mines Delivery Programme Until 2025/26

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Natural Resources Wales has a Metal Mine Strategy that focuses attention on the impacts on our failing waterbodies where over 700km of river reaches are failing chemically and/or ecologically in accordance with the Water Framework Directive. This contract is to extend the collaborative partnership with the Coal Authority to progress the assessment and remedial work at selected metal mines.

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: £20,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - WALES

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NRW has a Metal Mine Strategy that focuses attention on the impacts on our failing waterbodies where over 700km of river reaches are failing chemically and/or ecologically in accordance with the Water Framework Directive.

Our Metal (Non-Coal) Mine Programme is receiving capital funding from the Welsh Government to progress assessment and remedial work at selected metal mines. The Programme Board receives delivery, technical authority and specialist advice from members including Welsh Government, NRW and the Coal Authority. This Board makes decisions on the work programme progressing each year.

NRW's existing technical authority (Geoscience) and specialist resources in-house are insufficient to exploit the full benefits potential in developing further and delivering a programme of this scale and technical nature.

In England, similar work is carried out by the Coal Authority through a direct government to government agreement between DEFRA, the Coal Authority and the Environment Agency. In the 2020/21 financial year, NRW implemented a similar arrangement with the Coal Authority for this programme.

NRW now wishes to continue the relationship with the Coal Authority for a further five years, until the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

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:

This arrangement is in accordance with Regulation 12(7) of the Public Contract Regulations (2015) which allows Natural Resources Wales and the Coal Authority to work collaboratively under a public sector-to-public sector agreement to deliver on a metal (non-coal) mines programme of works for Wales.

NRW is seeking to continue the partnership with the Coal Authority to help maintain a Board structure that is technically competent in the fields of mining, mine hazards and treatment of non-coal mine discharges, whilst ensuring there is the necessary governance in place.

The programme will be directed by the Board, managed by the Programme and Project Delivery team and technically steered by the Geoscience team within NRW. To deliver a programme of work in this sector NRW requires a partner that has capacity and has mine-sector specific framework contracts to effect multi-disciplinary delivery of a large number of projects that is supported by an RD&I programme focusing on mine restoration, stabilisation/remediation and mine water treatment.

This partnership allows public sector procurement through the Coal Authority's bespoke frameworks, but also provide the opportunity for NRW to use and develop its own frameworks or conduct open competitions where appropriate. This partnership enables the programme to be delivered more effectively and projects within a shorter timescale.

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 134-331388](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 April 2020

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

The Coal Authority

200 Lichfield Lane, Berry Hill

Mansfield

NG184RG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,150,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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