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Award

Supply of Automated Digitisation Workstations

Historic Environment Scotland

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04df0d

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Historic Environment Scotland

Longmore House, Salisbury Place

Edinburgh

EH9 1SH

Email

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://historicenvironment.scot>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00164

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Built Environment, Tourism, Conservation

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply of Automated Digitisation Workstations

Reference number

HES/C/4295

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice relates to the intended procurement of six automated digitisation workstations

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: £190,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) intends to award this contract under the conditions of regulation 33.4.b(ii) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) regulations. The contract will be for the supply of six automated digitisation workstations, to be used by the National Collection of Aerial Photography (NCAP), following the successful development of a prototype for the automated digitisation of pre-1970s aerial film

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to request additional deliveries by the Successful Tenderer, either intended as partial replacement of supplies or installations or as extensions of existing supplies and installations. The Contracting Authority may at its sole discretion exercise this option.

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:

HES intends to award to the Supplier on the basis that competition is absent for technical reasons. On the basis no scanning workstations are available in the marketplace for the automated digitisation of pre-1970s aerial film, a procurement exercise was undertaken by Historic Environment Scotland in 2024 for the development of a prototype bespoke solution. This procurement exercise was undertaken using the Public Contracts Scotland 'Quick Quotes' Portal (Reference – 747743), which resulted in a contract being awarded to the Supplier. In January 2025 the prototype workstation successfully passed acceptance testing by the NCAP team. The supply of the workstations can therefore only be provided by the supplier.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

14 February 2025

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

Hartech Automation Limited

Washington Business Center, Turbine Way

Washington

NSR5 3NZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £190,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

It should be noted that this VEAT notice is intended to inform the market of the intention to award a contract under Regulation 33.4.b(ii)

and whilst the system requires an award date prior to the notice publication for the avoidance of doubt it should be noted that the contract has not been entered into prior to the publication of this notice.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom