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Contract

Energy Retail Markets Legal Advice and Services

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-005435

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e2df

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

3-8 Whitehall Place,

London

SW1A 2EG

Email

mercedes.ekanem@energysecurity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-energy-security-and-net-zero>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Energy Retail Markets Legal Advice and Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of legal services.

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: £1,750,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of legal advice in relation to electricity and gas supplier financial difficulties, insolvencies and subsequent government response which may include, but not be limited to: the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) process, requirements for a Special Administration Regime (SAR) and wider considerations related to supplier failure and market stability. In the case of a SAR, this would need to be established very quickly, and short notice legal work would be required ahead of the actual initiation of a SAR. Any delay accessing legal support under such circumstances risks a disorderly exit from the market, risking the continued supply of energy to customers, and having wider repercussions on retail and wholesale markets.

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

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:

Call-off under CCS framework no opportunity notice required

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

Contract No

con_7273

Title

Energy Retail Markets Legal Advice and Services (Primary)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 January 2025

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

Sharpe Pritchard LLP

Elm Yard, 10-16 Elm Street

London

WC1X 0BJ

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: £1,750,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

con_7274

Title

Energy Retail Markets Legal Advice and Services (Secondary)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 January 2025

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

Mills & Reeve LLP

24 King William Street

London

EC4R 9AT

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: £1,750,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department of Energy Security and Net Zero

London

Country

United Kingdom