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Contract

Local Authority Free-to-Access Archive for Metrology Type Approval Certificates

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-energy-and-industrial-strategy>

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**

Local Authority Free-to-Access Archive for Metrology Type Approval Certificates

Reference number

4950/03/2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72322000 - Data management services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Office of Product Safety and Standards (OPSS), part of the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) awarded a subscription contract to the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) to enable them to create an archive of Metrology Type Approval Certificates that currently reside on the EMeTAS system (owned by CTSI) in order to allow Local Authorities free access to them and thus removing the annual fee they currently have to pay.

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: £247,162

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72322000 - Data management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A subscription contract to enable the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) to create an archive of Metrology Type Approval Certificates that currently reside on the EMeTAS system (owned by CTSI) in order to allow Local Authorities free access to them and thus removing the annual fee they currently have to pay.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

Competition is absent for technical reasons (please specify): CTSI own the EMeTAS system which is the only complete online collection of EU and UK Metrology Type Approval Certificates that Local Authorities require access to.

BEIS (OPSS) are therefore relying on Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 "Competition is absent for technical reasons" in deciding this requirement is suitable as a Direct Award.

For Local Authorities Trading Standards Officers to carry out effective legal metrology regulation of equipment, it is necessary for local weights and measures authorities (Trading Standards, and TSSNI in Northern Ireland) to have access to the Type Approval Certificates. This is particularly pertinent when investigating complaints, on initial verification and when equipment is being put back into use following repair (reverification).

Rather than Local Authorities having the financial burden of paying annual fees to access the system, through this contract BEIS will make a one-off payment to CTSI to enable future free access for the Local Authorities.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Chartered Trading Standards Institute

1 Sylvan Court, Sylvan Way, Southfields Business Park

Basildon

SS15 6TH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £247,162

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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