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Award

Landscape Maintenance Contract

Angus Housing Association Ltd

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-005999

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043c98

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

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Main address

<http://www.angusha.org.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA15743

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Housing and community amenities

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Landscape Maintenance Contract

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71421000 - Landscape gardening services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Landscape Maintenance contract to be carried out to properties / sites owned by Angus Housing Association from 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2027

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: £393,598.39

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45112700 - Landscaping work
- 45112710 - Landscaping work for green areas

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Landscape Maintenance contract to be carried out to properties / sites owned by Angus Housing Association from 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2027

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:

The decision to issue this VEAT Notice arises from the Contracting Authority's observation of a consistent lack of competition in previous tender exercises for landscape maintenance services. Despite efforts to attract multiple bids, the number of participating suppliers has been limited, leading to concerns regarding the competitiveness and cost-effectiveness of the tender process.

Furthermore, historical data from previous tender exercises has revealed that the tender returns received were disproportionately expensive compared to the estimated value of the services and to that of the incumbent Local Authority submission. Such expensive tender returns have not only strained the budget allocated for landscape maintenance but also raised questions about the efficiency and sustainability of the procurement process.

This decision is made in accordance with Regulation 13.8 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (Public Contracts between entities within the Public Sector) which allows for the award of contracts without prior publication between entities within the public sector where

1.the contract is for the purpose of establishing or implementing co-operation between the contracting authorities with the aim of ensuring that public services they have to perform are provided with a view to achieving objectives they have in common;

2.the implementation of that co-operation is governed solely by considerations relating to the public interest; and

3.the contracting authorities perform on the open market less than 20% of the activities concerned by the co-operation. unforeseen events or circumstances necessitate immediate action and where the time limits for the open, restricted, or competitive dialogue procedures cannot be complied with for reasons that are not attributable to the contracting authority.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

23 February 2024

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

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

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: £393,958.39

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Dundee Sheriff Court

6 West Bell Street

Dundee

DD1 9AD

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United Kingdom