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Contract

APHIS Supplemental Agreement

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02a02e

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

APHIS Supplemental Agreement

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72500000 - Computer-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

AHPIS Supplemental Agreement - The APHIS system is the system used to manage the recording of all farmed animal data relating to the Agri food sector, ensuring the tractability of animals and the recording and storage of all relevant data to protect animal and public health relating to the Agri food sector.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

72

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.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

1

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

29 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

AMT Sybex

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Letchworth Garden City

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address

www.amt-sybex.com

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £6,845,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/.... mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial.. Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 72500000 - Computer-related services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

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VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

48

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£6,845,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

In 2014 the Contract known as APHIS Supplemental agreement was awarded to AMT Sybex. The total value of the Contract was £6.84M

over a period of 6 years. The Contract is due to expire in June 2021.

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) requires a further extension of its original contract for an

additional 4 years. This extension is seen as a modification under the

provisions outlined in regulation 72 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Regulation 72 provides that contracts may be modified without a new procurement procedure in any of a number of cases, including:

“(1) (b) for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the

original procurement, where a change of contractor —

(i) cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing

equipment, services or installations procured under the initial procurement, and

(ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority,

(iii) provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract;

In this case, DAERA will seek to rely on the modification provisions of 72(1)(b) as a transfer to a new contractor would be impossible due

to IPR reasons. APHIS requires sufficient cover for maintenance and support to allow it to continue to provide essential services to the

Agri Food sector in Northern Ireland. The APHIS system is extremely complex and its data is considered business critical to the agri-food

sector and mission critical to the delivery of the business of Veterinary Service Animal Health Group within DAERA. The introduction of a

new supplier would undoubtedly cause technical difficulties and issues with a potential liability in terms of maintenance and data integrity.

This modification does not require an increase in contract value

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

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to IPR reasons. APHIS requires sufficient cover for maintenance and support to allow it to continue to provide essential services to the

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new supplier would undoubtedly cause technical difficulties and issues with a potential liability in terms of maintenance and data integrity.

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VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £6,845,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £6,845,000