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Award

Services and Support for ScotWind Leasing Application Review (Amendment)

Crown Estate Scotland

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA29444

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Public Corporation

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Property

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Services and Support for ScotWind Leasing Application Review (Amendment)

Reference number

CES\2021\0201A

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency (VEAT) notice. Crown Estate Scotland awarded a contract in December 2019 for support during the leasing process for offshore wind projects (ScotWind Leasing).

This voluntary ex ante transparency note is to advise of the intention to amend the contract to reflect the intended position that the contract related to the assessment of all applications as opposed to a specific or capped number. This does not therefore amount to a material change.

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: £628,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Edinburgh

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency (VEAT) notice. Crown Estate Scotland awarded a contract in December 2019 for support during the leasing process for offshore wind projects (ScotWind Leasing). The process includes receiving a number of applications for sites and making an evaluation of them. Crown Estate Scotland appointed Ove Arup to work with our in-house team in:

- Preparing evaluation systems and processes; and
- providing a team of reviewers to assist by undertaking the evaluation of applications.

The contract award notices specified a value which was based on the assessment of the number of applications it anticipated that it may receive based on its knowledge of the market and also information from historic leasing rounds. The procurement exercise was conducted on the basis that there were a number of external dependencies which could not be accurately determined at the time including that the timing of the exercise was dependent on the publication of the Sectoral Marine Plan and the expected number of registrations. It is anticipated that the number of the applications is likely to be higher than that estimated when submitting the contract award notice and the timing of the opening of the application window and publication of key supporting information has been delayed. The contract scope had highlighted a number of these uncertainties but now needs to be updated to reflect the current position.

This voluntary ex ante transparency note is to advise of the intention to amend the contract to reflect the intended position that the contract related to the assessment of all applications as opposed to a specific or capped number. This does not therefore amount to a material change as (i) the modification does not change the character of the contract (ii) it does not introduce new conditions which were not part of the original process (iii) it does not change the balance of in favour of the contractor in a way which was not envisaged by the original documents and (iv) it does not extend the scope considerably on the basis that the scope had originally envisaged that these services would be provided by the stated supplier.

Contract end date has been initially extended to 31/03/2022 due to external delays.

Number of lease applications that will be received is unknown. A nominal figure to ascertain an indicative contract value has been used, however this will likely change. The expected value of the contract is now 628 000.00 GBP which was determined following a review of the elements required to properly score the potential applications, the processes and work required to undertake the development of the process, the time required to score the applications and the nominal number of expected applications.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Contract duration to be extended initially to 31/03/2022 with options to extend up to 3 months if required in increments of 1 month if any further delays encountered. Final value of the contract will be determined by the number of applications received. The requirement will be regularly reviewed to ensure this is still the most appropriate route to market and in line with strategic plans.

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:

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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

Contract No

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 February 2021

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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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £628,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=644029.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/edinburgh-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court>