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Planning

Production, Supply and Distribution of Renewable Hydrogen to the Cambridge Norwich Tech Corridor (CNTC) - Market Engagement

South Norfolk Council

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Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

South Norfolk Council

Horizon Business Centre, Peachman Way

Norwich

NR7 0WF

Email

cntc@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Production, Supply and Distribution of Renewable Hydrogen to the Cambridge Norwich Tech Corridor (CNTC) - Market Engagement

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 24111600 - Hydrogen

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is inviting expressions of interest to explore potential delivery options to achieve the Council's ambitions to deliver a hydrogen economy in the CNTC.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 24111600 - Hydrogen

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is inviting expressions of interest to explore potential delivery options to achieve the project partners' ambitious vision for tackling climate change and decarbonisation. The Cambridge Norwich Tech Corridor (CNTC) Clean Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap has been commissioned by the following project partners: Breckland Council, Broadland District Council, South Norfolk Council, Norfolk County Council, supported by the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, in order to explore strategic opportunities for producing and using clean hydrogen (also referred to as 'green hydrogen') in the CNTC. The Councils are seeking to undertake a broad market engagement process to identify opportunities to partner with credible stakeholders to kickstart the foundations of a hydrogen economy in the region. Responses from stakeholders within all areas of the hydrogen value chain are welcomed. The CNTC has a vision to be a world leading hydrogen destination. The partnership of Councils within the area is initially focused on developing a commercial supply of hydrogen to support its requirements to decarbonise transport, and industrial applications, but also to establish the opportunity for the area and the wider region to export hydrogen to the UK and EU markets. The LAs (Local Authorities) are seeking to play a pivotal role in the establishment and progression of a clean hydrogen economy along the CNTC, either through supporting the development of one or more production facilities, and/or acting as potential offtakers, or as potential commercial partners. Key objectives set by the LAs include:

- Working with partners to deliver a commercially viable hydrogen production facility, or facilities, which can be a catalyst to transition the wider region to a clean hydrogen economy;
- Exploring opportunities to produce clean hydrogen within, and export beyond the CNTC;
- Delivering economic growth and create jobs in the focus area; and
- Helping to secure the Norfolk's Net Zero ambition.

The public sector and its partners are well placed to become early adopters of the technology and become anchor customers, helping to de-risk hydrogen production. Focused involvement by the Councils could also provide confidence to the private sector, thereby acting as a catalyst to drive further investment in hydrogen development projects across the county, overall supporting the formation of a local hydrogen economy, and realising the wider economic benefits. The Councils have commissioned expert consultants to conduct a hydrogen production site appraisal and develop a strategic roadmap to realising the LAs hydrogen ambitions. Additional information and a supplementary appendix containing further information on our clean hydrogen ambitions and progress to date, should be requested from: cntc@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk Please respond with an EOI to cntc@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk, including contact details by 30th April 2024. We will be engaging with each participant that responds to this Prior Information Notice, from 1st May 2024.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

29 February 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note that by submitting an expression of interest in response to this PIN, you are providing this information to all Local Authorities involved in this project, namely:-Norfolk County CouncilBreckland CouncilBroadland District CouncilSouth Norfolk Counciland additionally, to our Consultant (Turner and Townsend). All of the named local authorities are Data Controllers of the information you submit and will use your data to identify possible market partners and, contact you to discuss the potential opportunities and operational locations in relation to the provision of clean hydrogen across relevant areas of the CNTC at this initial stage. Subsequent to this, it is the local authorities that oversees the District area in which you have expressed an interest in operating out of, that will continue the investigations and discussions regarding your plans. They will also use and retain your personal data in order to facilitate ongoing discussions and contact you about new opportunities that may arise. Accordingly, your data will be retained for 3 years by all the local authorities involved in this project and for 5 by the authority/ies that you wish to work with in future. All Data Controllers are processing personal data on the basis that it is necessary to perform a task in the public interest or for official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law. Further information regarding how to contact the Councils, exercise your rights under UKGDPR, and view their general privacy notices can be found on their respective websites:Norfolk County CouncilBreckland CouncilBroadland District CouncilSouth Norfolk Council