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Contract

## **ID 5027919 DfE - Energy Group - Smart Metering High Level Implementation Plan**

The Department for the Economy

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04221b

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

The Department for the Economy

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

5027919

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Department for the Economy (DfE) wishes to appoint a Contractor to develop a High-Level Design plan for the implementation of electricity smart meters in Northern Ireland. It is anticipated that the contract will commence in January 2024 and will run until the final report is approved by the Client. The initial contract period is 5 months with three options to extend for any period up to and including one month each. DfE has allocated a maximum budget of £125,000 (excluding VAT) for the fulfilment of the whole contract.

### **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: £125,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services
- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 71314200 - Energy-management services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Proposed Methodology / Weighting: 37.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Proposed Team Experience / Weighting: 17.25

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Contract Management and Contingency / Weighting: 9.75

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Social Value / Weighting: 10.5

Cost criterion - Name: AC5 Total Contract Price / Weighting: 25

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are three options to extend for any period up to and including one month each.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-035950](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

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### **Title**

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

1 March 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

LANE CLARK PEACOCK LLP

95 Wigmore Street

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Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £125,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £125,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract,... however, neither CPD nor the Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting... Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible for all costs and expenses... incurred by them. or by any third party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection with taking part in this... procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the... procurement documents by the Contracting

Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and an Economic Operator.. shall. have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed.. by the. Contracting Authority. Economic Operators should note that all dates, time periods and figures in relation to values and volumes.. specified. in this notice and the procurement documents are approximate only and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to. change. any or. all of them. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not. delivering on. contract. requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails. to reach. satisfactory. levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still. fail to reach. satisfactory. levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If. this occurs. and their. performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of. grave. professional. misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated.. The. issue of a. Notice of unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions. being. undertaken by. Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a. period of. twelve months. from the date of issue of the Notice.

## **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

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and incorporated.. a..... standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to.. tenderers... That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to.. challenge the.. award decision before the contract was entered into.