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Contract

Sunderland Advanced Mobility Shuttle Research and Development Project

The Council of the City Of Sunderland

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Council of the City Of Sunderland

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC23 - Sunderland

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.sunderland.gov.uk

Buyer's address

www.sunderland.gov.uk

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

Sunderland Advanced Mobility Shuttle Research and Development Project

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34121000 - Buses and coaches

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Supply of an autonomous shuttle and provision of related services to support the delivery of the Sunderland Advanced Mobility Shuttle Research and Development project

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: £305,415

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34121000 - Buses and coaches

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC23 - Sunderland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The manufacture, supply and delivery of a fully autonomous shuttle, together with all necessary operational and professional services to support the delivery of the externally funded Sunderland Advanced Mobility Shuttle Research and Development project ("the Project") during the initial period 1st January to 31st March 2025 (subject to options to extend in the event that further external funding is secured to extend the project thereafter). The purpose of the Project is to help define a more sustainable future for urban mobility by demonstrating the feasibility of a commercially viable urban public transport solution using autonomous zero-emission shuttles.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Potential option to extend the research and development Project subject to the receipt of further external grant funding for the project from Innovate UK.

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:

Given the specific and unique nature of the Project, namely it is an experimental and temporary R&D project sponsored by IUK in order to trial autonomous vehicle technology in a public setting, and the urgent need arising to safeguard the grant and deliver the Project, the Council is entitled to directly appoint the contractor

in accordance with Regulation 32(5)(a) (use of negotiated procedure without prior publication for award of supply contracts for R&D projects) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

OXA Autonomy Limited

Oxbotica Uhq 8050 Alec Issigonis Way, Oxford Business Park North,

Oxford

OX4 2HW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Companies House

09242359

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: £305,415

Total value of the contract/lot: £305,415

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Council of the City of Sunderland

Corporate Procurement, City Hall, Plater Way

Sunderland

SR1 3AA

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United Kingdom