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Contract

Investigating Coupled Hydro-Mechanical-Chemical Processes in Bentonite Materials

Radioactive Waste Management Limited trading as Nuclear Waste Services

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-006813

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044514

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Radioactive Waste Management Limited trading as Nuclear Waste Services

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nuclear-waste-services>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nuclear-waste-services>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Responsible for implementing geological disposal of higher activity radioactive wastes.

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Investigating Coupled Hydro-Mechanical-Chemical Processes in Bentonite Materials

Reference number

C12912

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A contract has been awarded via the Business & Technical Services Marketplace Dynamic Purchasing System (original OJEU Contract Notice TED reference 2019-S 228-559692) to:

Provide a detailed programme of work for high-salinity environments by understanding bentonite swelling pressure & hydraulic conductivity across a range of dry densities (1000-1900kg/m³) in DI water & 0.5m, 3m & 6m NaCl (solubility limit dependant).

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: £302,394.66

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2019/S 228-559692](#)

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

1 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

British Geological Survey

British Geological Survey, Nicker Hill, Keyworth, Nottingham

Nottingham

NG12 5GG

Telephone

+44 1159363100

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

08222686

Internet address

www.bgs.ac.uk

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: £400,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £302,394.66

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal High Court Justice

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Email

InternationalRelationsJudicialOffice@judiciary.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.justice.gov.uk>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Any appeals should be promptly brought to the attention of the contact specified in Section I above, and will be dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Any appeals must be brought within the timescales specified by the applicable law, including without limitation, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Contracting Authority will also incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the date information on award of contract is communicated to tenderers.