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Contract

Design and Build of Solar PV Farms and Nethermains, Kilwinning and Shewalton, Irvine

North Ayrshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00337

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

Design and Build of Solar PV Farms and Nethermains, Kilwinning and Shewalton, Irvine

Reference number

NAC/5094

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

North Ayrshire Council invites tenders for the design and build of two solar PV farms – one at Nethermains, Kilwinning and the other at Shewalton, Irvine as detailed in the Invitation to Tender.

The tender will be split into 3 lots, as detailed below, and North Ayrshire Council intend to award either Lots 1 and 2 or Lot 3. The award will be based on what is affordable and best value for North Ayrshire Council.

Lot 1 Nethermains, Kilwinning

Lot 2 Shewalton, Irvine

Lot 3 Nethermains, Kilwinning & Shewalton, Irvine

Tenderers who wish to bid for both Lot 1 and Lot 2 and encouraged to also submit a bid under Lot 3.

The contract period will be 64 months (up to 6 months for design, up to 10 months for build, 12 months operation and 48 months maintenance). Design and build must be completed by April 2024 for both sites in order to meet grid connection.

The anticipated start date is 4th January 2023 until 28th April 2028 with the option to extend operation by up to 6 months until 31st October 2028, and maintenance by up to 16

years until 29th April 2044. Operation and maintenance will run together in year one and potentially year two if the operation extension is utilised, thereafter maintenance will run as a standalone element. Extensions will be at the sole discretion of NAC and subject to satisfactory performance and funding.

The contract(s) will be let under the NEC4 Design, Build and Operate Contract.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £15,981,295.49

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Nethermains, Kilwinning & Shewalton, Irvine

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09300000 - Electricity, heating, solar and nuclear energy
- 09330000 - Solar energy
- 09331000 - Solar panels
- 09331200 - Solar photovoltaic modules
- 09332000 - Solar installation

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

Main site or place of performance

Kilwinning and Irvine.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North Ayrshire Council invites tenders for the design and build of two solar PV farms – one at Nethermains, Kilwinning and the other at Shewalton.

Lot 3, if awarded, will be for a period of 64 months (up to 6 months for design, up to 10 months for build, 12 months operation and 48 months maintenance). Design and build must be completed by April 2024 for both sites in order to meet grid connection.

Lot 3 will be split into 3 phases – phase 1 is for the design aspect (of both farms), phase 2 is for the build, operation and maintenance aspects of the Nethermains site and phase 3 is for the build, operation and maintenance aspects of the Shewalton site. North Ayrshire Council reserve the right to award one or all phases, subject to budget and satisfactory completion of each stage. For evaluation purposes pricing for all phases will be considered and awarded to the most economically advantageous tenderer (depending on which lot(s) are awarded).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Solar PV Design and Equipment / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Solar PV Programme of Works / Weighting: 12

Quality criterion - Name: Operation and Maintenance / Weighting: 9

Quality criterion - Name: Health and Safety / Weighting: 4

Price - Weighting: 60

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

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Nethermains, Kilwinning & Shewalton, Irvine

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 March 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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London

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United Kingdom

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- UKI4 - Inner London – East

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £15,981,295.49

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Quality Management Procedures

1. The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third-party certificate of compliance in accordance with BS EN ISO 9001 (or equivalent) or a documented policy regarding quality management, see attachment at SPD question 4D.1.

Health and Safety Procedures

1. The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third-party certificate of compliance in accordance with BS OHSAS 18001 or ISO 45001 (or equivalent) or have, within the last 12 months, successfully met the assessment requirements of a construction-related scheme in registered membership of the Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP) forum or the bidder must have a regularly reviewed and documented policy for Health and Safety management, see attachment at SPD question 4D.1.

Environmental Management Procedures

1. The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third-party certificate of compliance in accordance with BS EN ISO 14001 (or equivalent) or a valid EMAS (or equivalent) certificate or the bidder must have a regularly reviewed documented policy regarding environmental management, see attachment at SPD question 4D.2.

Bidders may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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