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Award

Qube licences and development

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Qube licences and development

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Qube Software (SaaS) Licences for the Environmental Agency for a period of 4 years. In addition to the licence the contract will include optional development day for development of the Qube system. The total value of the contract includes £100,000 per year for the development days.

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: £545,521

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Environment Agency intends to directly award a contract to Wallingford

HydroSolutions for Qube Software (SaaS) Licences. The contract is planned to start on 1st April 2023 and run for 4 years.

The value covers the full four year period and includes a value for optional development days.

Regulation 32 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, Section 2 B ii and iii (competition is absent for technical reasons and the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights) is the justification used for the awarding of this contract directly to the supplier without competition.

This notice advises that the Environment Agency has decided to award the contract with the named provider on a Direct Award basis and is published for reasons of transparency.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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:

STA justification based on Regulation 32 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, Section 2 B ii and iii (competition is absent for technical reasons and the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights). WHS is the sole supplier and provider of the Qube licence and owner's of the IPR and source code for the bespoke Environment Agency functionality.

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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Wallingford HydroSolutions Ltd

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Country

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NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

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<https://www.hydrosolutions.co.uk/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £545,521

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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