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Contract

## **The Provision of Over the Counter Bill Payment Services**

United Utilities Water Limited

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02874b

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

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Main address

<http://www.unitedutilities.com>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/43984>

**I.6) Main activity**

Water

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

The Provision of Over the Counter Bill Payment Services

Reference number

PRO004260

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 66172000 - Financial transaction processing and clearing-house services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

The Company has a requirement to provide Over the Counter Bill Payment Services at multiple locations in the North West of England. A timely and accurate bill payment process is critical to the Company's billing operations and cash collection which sits within the Company's Customer Department.

The Suppliers will provide the Company with the relevant associated services and expertise to facilitate and deliver such services and provide effective regional coverage and sufficient accessibility for the Company's Customers.

The key requirements for the agreement(s) include, but are not limited to:

- Wide geographical spread of Payment Outlet locations within the North West region;
- Ability to capture payments in sterling cash, and possibly debit & credit cards;
- Consolidation and remittance of all outlet transactional data and funds;
- Robust Customer communication marketing expertise.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - Over the Counter Bill Payment Services - Exclusive

Lot No

1

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

- 66172000 - Financial transaction processing and clearing-house services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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

The procurement included 2 Lots, where only one Lot would be awarded following the final assessment.

- Lot 1 - Exclusive Award
- Lot 2 - Shared Award

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **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

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - Over the Counter Bill Payment Services - Shared

Lot No

2

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

- 66172000 - Financial transaction processing and clearing-house services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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

The procurement included 2 Lots, where only one Lot would be awarded following the

final assessment.

- Lot 1 - Exclusive Award
- Lot 2 - Shared Award

The Company assessed Lot 1 in order to establish the overall most economically advantageous solution. The Company's approach was to award Lot 1 based on objective criteria:

- Ability to provide the highest volume of Payment Outlets to UU Customer locations
- Demonstrate the ability to deliver excellent Customer Service, in particular to resolve Customer payment queries and to identify Customer needs
- The lowest assessed total cost will achieve the maximum score

As the above criteria was not fully met in relation to the volume of Payment Outlets, the Company assessed Lot 2 to determine that the award could be made based on the same objective criteria

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### 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: [2021/S 000-000004](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

1

### Title

Lot 1 - Over the Counter Bill Payment Services - Exclusive

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

1

### Lot No

2

### Title

Lot 2 - Over the Counter Bill Payment Services - Shared

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

17 January 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

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

2973115

The contractor is an SME

No

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

### **Contract No**

2

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Lot 2 - Over the Counter Bill Payment Services - Shared

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

28 December 2022

#### **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**

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

GB172670502

The contractor is an SME

No

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of England & Wales

City of Westminster

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

United Utilities Water Limited

Warrington

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

United Utilities Water Limited

Warrington

Country

United Kingdom