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Planning

Defra Technical Advisor (DTA) for the Thames Tideway Tunnel

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Defra Technical Advisor (DTA) for the Thames Tideway Tunnel

Reference number

32935

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Defra is seeking to procure the services of a Technical Advisor to provide Defra and Government with expertise from an engineering, commissioning and major construction project perspective in order to protect Government's interests in the Thames Tideway Tunnel (TTT) project.

Despite the impact of Covid-19, the project is almost 60% complete. The tunnelling phase is expected to be complete in 2022 when the testing and commissioning stage will commence.

The Defra Technical Adviser (DTA) will provide Defra's Thames Tideway Tunnel Team (TTT Team) with technical expertise from an engineering and major construction project perspective in order to protect Government's interests in the project. Over the next year or so the project will be moving from the tunnelling to commissioning phase and so we will require a DTA that can also provide expertise on the commissioning of major construction projects.

The DTA will need to assess the data and information being provided by Tideway and the project's Independent Technical Adviser (ITA) and report back to Defra. Examples of what the DTA would need to do are:

- Analyse and interpret information and data on project progress, including cost and schedule;
- Identify risks and issues relevant to Government, including construction delays and issues and commissioning that could lead to claims under the GSP;
- Advise Defra on steps that should be taken to better understand and mitigate risks;

- Advise on other adhoc issues Defra may need technical advice on such as project variations;

Provide advice, reports and brief the team in preparation for key quarterly governance meetings with regular attendance at some of these meetings;

- Provide input to briefings and submissions and to attend meetings with senior Defra officials if required.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45000000 - Construction work
- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71242000 - Project and design preparation, estimation of costs
- 71311000 - Civil engineering consultancy services
- 71318000 - Advisory and consultative engineering services
- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 May 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes