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Tender

## **500\_23 Consultancy for Decarbonisation / Net Zero Strategies**

ESPO

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03b6b8

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

ESPO

Barnsdale Way, Grove Park, Enderby

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LE19 1ES

#### **Contact**

Place & Environment Procurement Team

#### **Email**

[tenders@espo.org](mailto:tenders@espo.org)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.espo.org/>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Local Authority Services

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**Section II: Object**

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

### **II.1.1) Title**

500\_23 Consultancy for Decarbonisation / Net Zero Strategies

Reference number

500\_23

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

ESPO is seeking to establish a multi supplier framework agreement for the provision of consultancy services for Decarbonisation / Net Zero Strategies. This will be an ESPO national framework for the provision of consultancy and project management services in relation to the renewable and low carbon energy sector. This may include objective advice relating to net zero strategy and carbon reduction programmes including the identification of low carbon options with recommendations as well as implementation and delivery advice.

The framework will consist of 2 Lots based on total contract value.

Lot 1 - Consultancy services for decarbonisation / net zero strategies (Consultancy requirements under £50,000)

This Lot is designed to appeal to Customers with smaller Consultancy requirements for decarbonisation / net zero strategies with a total assessed value for consultancy services under £50,000.

Lot 2 - Consultancy services for decarbonisation / net zero strategies (Consultancy requirements of £50,000 and over)

This Lot is designed to appeal to Customers with large Consultancy requirements for decarbonisation / net zero strategies with a total assessed value for consultancy services of £50,000 and over.

To tender: (a) Go to <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>; (b) Register (if not already registered on ProContract); (c) Search for tender opportunity '500\_23' (via "View

Opportunities" from the 'EastMidsTenders' Portal); (d) Express an interest; (e) Download the tender documents from the website (documents can be found in the first question of the Online Questionnaire, but to see these you will first need to click on "Start my response" followed by "Edit" next to the Question set, and "Answer question" next to the first question - for any additional help accessing please refer to the guide that is included within the Proactis portal ProContract for this opportunity).

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

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

Lot 1 - Consultancy services for Decarbonisation / Net Zero Strategies (Consultancy requirements under £50,000)

Lot No

1

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

- 24112100 - Carbon dioxide
- 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis
- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 90700000 - Environmental services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This Lot is designed to appeal to Customers with smaller Consultancy requirements for decarbonisation / net zero strategies with a total assessed value for consultancy services under £50,000.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £80,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 September 2023

End date

31 August 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 24 months. The total estimated value stated in Section II.1.5 includes the option period.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Whilst tenderers are not expected to specialise in all of the areas listed within the

specification there will be a requirement for tenderers to be able to offer a broad base of consultancy advice relating to decarbonisation and net zero and therefore it is proposed that tenderers should be able to offer:

For Lot 1 - at least 50% of the areas listed within the specification.

For Lot 2 - at least 75% of the areas listed within the specification.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 2 - Consultancy services for Decarbonisation / Net Zero Strategies (Consultancy requirements of £50,000 and over)

Lot No

2

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

- 24112100 - Carbon dioxide
- 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis
- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 90700000 - Environmental services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This Lot is designed to appeal to Customers with large Consultancy requirements for decarbonisation / net zero strategies with a total assessed value for consultancy services of £50,000 and over.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £120,000,000

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 September 2023

End date

31 August 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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For Lot 2 - at least 75% of the areas listed within the specification.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

ESPO shall monitor the financial stability of the awarded suppliers during the period of the Framework Agreement by reference to credit ratings agency reports. ESPO shall obtain a credit score for the suppliers on or before the Framework start date as a base score and where a significant change is identified over the life of the Framework Agreement, ESPO reserves the right to investigate the reasons for this significant change. Depending on the severity of the offences involved, it will be at the sole discretion of ESPO to suspend or even permanently remove the supplier from the Framework Agreement.

The framework is suitable for SME's.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

9 May 2023

Local time

12:00pm

### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

9 May 2023

Local time

12:01pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

As a Central Purchasing Body as defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Framework Agreement is open for use by Public Bodies (defined at <https://www.espo.org/amfile/file/download/file/9608/>) that also fall into one of the following classifications of user throughout all administrative regions of the UK: Local Authorities; Educational Establishments (including Academies); Central Government Departments and Agencies; Police, Fire & Rescue and Coastguard Emergency Services; NHS and HSC Bodies, including Ambulance Services; Registered Charities; Registered Social Landlords; The Corporate Office of the House of Lords, The Corporate Officer of the House of Commons; or any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament. Details of the classification of end user establishments and geographical areas are available at: <https://www.espo.org/legal>.

ESPO has established a commercial trading company, ESPO Trading Limited, whose target clients are third sector organisations such as national and local charities, public sector mutual organisations and other organisations involved in the delivery of services to or for the public sector. The successful Supplier may be asked to enter into an additional separate framework agreement (the Second Framework) with ESPO Trading Limited on materially similar terms to that found in the tender pack to be entered into by ESPO itself.

Any Second Framework agreement will be a purely commercial agreement and will, for the avoidance of doubt, not be governed by the Public Contract Regulations 2015 or other public procurement legislation. ESPO Trading Limited may enter into the second framework agreement with the successful supplier and make it available to third sector clients who themselves are not required to follow the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or other public procurement legislation. Accordingly, this is provided for bidders information only.

An eAuction process may be used to award subsequent call off contracts following the reopening of competition among the parties to the Framework Agreement.

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

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

The Royal Court of Justice

The Strand

LONDON

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

ESPO will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. Applicants who are unsuccessful shall be informed by ESPO as soon as possible after the decision has been made as to the reasons why the applicant was unsuccessful. If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2105 No. 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take legal action. Any such action must be brought within the applicable limitation period. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order for any document to be amended and may award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order for a fine to be paid, and/or order the duration of the contract be shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.