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Contract

The provision of independent evaluation services for the Lowering Emissions by Accelerating Forest Finance (LEAF) Coalition

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

London

Email

internationalclimateandenergy.procurement@energysecurity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-energy-security-and-net-zero>

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

The provision of independent evaluation services for the Lowering Emissions by Accelerating Forest Finance (LEAF) Coalition

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Lowering Emissions by Accelerating Forest finance (LEAF) Coalition is a voluntary global coalition bringing together the private sector and governments to provide carbon market finance for tropical and subtropical forest conservation.

Reversing deforestation is essential to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and the Global Biodiversity Framework. One way of reversing deforestation is by investing in high integrity carbon markets which can deliver finance at scale for forest protection and restoration. The LEAF Coalition is one route to raising global climate ambition for high-integrity carbon markets, by demonstrating that the demand and supply of Results-Based Finance (RBF) and forest carbon credits can follow a high integrity path, in-line with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) has commissioned an

Independent Evaluation Partner to deliver a set of evaluation activities considering the UK's contribution to the LEAF Coalition and the related technical assistance provision.

The overall aim of the independent evaluation activity is to understand the effectiveness of the UK's contribution to the LEAF Coalition and its supporting Technical Assistance programme, on accelerating the development of a jurisdictional REDD+ carbon market and its potential impact on reversing deforestation and delivering improved social and sustainable development outcomes.

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: £306,648.75

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Department for Energy Security and Net is commissioning an Independent Evaluation Partner to deliver a set of evaluation activities considering the UK's contribution to the Lowering Emissions by Accelerating Forest finance (LEAF) Coalition and the related technical assistance (TA) provision. The LEAF Coalition is a voluntary global coalition bringing together the private sector and governments to provide carbon market finance for tropical and subtropical forest conservation.

The evaluation activities will be split into three parts:

1. Part 1 is the delivery of an approach paper following a scoping exercise to further refine the approach to parts 2 and 3 following contract award.
2. Part 2 is the delivery of a process evaluation for the entire LEAF programme, alongside a Theory of Change review, and Value for Money analysis.

3. Part 3 is presenting a set of options for the design of an impact evaluation in the future, including a recommendation for the most effective option with supporting rationale.

The overall aim of the independent evaluation activity is to understand the effectiveness of the UK's contribution to the LEAF Coalition and its supporting TA programme, on accelerating the development of a jurisdictional REDD+ carbon market and its potential impact on reversing deforestation and delivering improved social and sustainable development outcomes.

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

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

International Organisation Development Ltd (trading as IOD PARC)

Omega Court, 362 Cemetery Road

Sheffield

S11 8FT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

3613839

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £306,648.75

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom