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Contract

NIAUR - Markets Directorate - Markets Support Framework

Utility Regulator NI

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041c90

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Utility Regulator NI

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

NIAUR - Markets Directorate - Markets Support Framework

Reference number

ID4868044

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NIAUR - Markets Directorate - Markets Support Contract - the Utility Regulator UR is seeking to establish a Single supplier Framework to provide expert support in meeting the deliverables of the DfE Energy Strategy and to assist the UR in identifying, scoping and analysing potential issues and scenarios arising within the NI energy market in the short, medium and long term, and developing potential solutions to mitigate around a range of issues which are identified and in which we require support

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: £522,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services

- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 71314200 - Energy-management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework is for initial 2 year period with an option to extend for a further 2 years

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Notice number: [2023/S 000-034783](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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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The Gemini Building Fermi Avenue

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Telephone

+44 01235753000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £522,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £522,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If.. a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified.. time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for.. further action. If this occurs and your performance does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this can be.. considered grounds for.. termination of the contract at your expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract In lieu of termination,.. CPD may issue a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple Notices of Written.. Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015. (as. amended) be.. excluded

from future public procurement competitions for a period of up to three years. The figure stated in V.2.4 is a maximum that can be spent through the framework over the full term and does not give any guarantee of any level of business that may be awarded under the agreement

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended). and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.