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Contract

UKRI-1106 UKGEOS Borehole Drilling and Civils including Thermal Heat Infrastructure - Cheshire Site

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKRI-1106 UKGEOS Borehole Drilling and Civils including Thermal Heat Infrastructure - Cheshire Site

Reference number

UKRI-1106

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

In 2017, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy approved funding for the development of two

subsurface scientific research facilities, to be delivered by the British Geological Survey for the Natural Environment

Research Council (NERC). These first-of-their-kind research facilities will generate knowledge that will contribute to

the responsible development of new low-carbon energy technologies both in the UK and internationally. One site in

Glasgow is complete and construction of the Cheshire site is yet to commence and is the subject of this procurement

activity. This PIN is for the Principal Contractor who will construct the UKGEOS Cheshire Observatory. The

observatory is a research field site comprising a novel, highly instrumented borehole array, which will be used to

undertake research into thermal storage and other related topics. This opportunity gives the Principal Contractor the

opportunity to contribute to a highly unique and specialised project.

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: £8,234,164.53

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71540000 - Construction management services
- 71500000 - Construction-related services
- 43130000 - Drilling equipment
- 76300000 - Drilling services
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 71541000 - Construction project management services
- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45120000 - Test drilling and boring work
- 45220000 - Engineering works and construction works
- 45210000 - Building construction work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD6 - Cheshire

Main site or place of performance

Cheshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Design includes 20 boreholes at 100 m depth, fitted with state-of-the-art down-hole scientific instrumentation including

thermal loops, fibre optic cable, electrical resistivity sensors and groundwater sampling/pumping installations. Civil

works include thermal infrastructure, ducts, headworks, fencing, cabinets, local utility connections and a

welfare/data centre cabin, as well as temporary works. The quality of the science to be undertaken is highly

dependent on the data obtained during drilling and the quality of the final installation. Quality, workmanship and an

endeavour to install the site with the upmost attention is required.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Quality / Weighting: 65

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 35

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

Notice number: [2020/S 234-579000](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

UKRI-1106

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 April 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

AECOM Limited

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London

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI4 - Inner London – East

National registration number

01846493

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,234,164.53

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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