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Contract

DfE - Invest NI - Trade Advisory Services in India

Department for the Economy - Invest Northern Ireland

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

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

DfE - Invest NI - Trade Advisory Services in India

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Invest NI wish to appoint a Contractor to provide a Trade Advisory Service for India. The TAS service is managed by Invest NI's International Trade Advisory team in Belfast and

our Invest NI Regional Manager based in Mumbai, India. As required, the TAS shall respond to Invest NI customer needs for access to strategic market research as well as practical advice and guidance from an experienced trade adviser based in the market. The TAS shall also provide Invest NI access to specific market intelligence reports. The success of the TAS service will be measured by a range of performance criteria and ultimately the increase in export sales to India of Invest NI customers utilising the service. This service forms part of Invest NI's strategy to assist NI based companies to grow in export markets.

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: £155,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 71300000 - Engineering services
- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 72222300 - Information technology services
- 79930000 - Specialty design services
- 71500000 - Construction-related services
- 72600000 - Computer support and consultancy services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 73400000 - Research and Development services on security and defence materials

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- IN - India

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial contract period is for 24 months, with an option to extend for a further 24 months and an option to extend for a further 12 months.

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

Contract No

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Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 April 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

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: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

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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India

NUTS code

- IN - India

Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £155,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £155,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. 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.

UK

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and incorporated a standstill period 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.