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Smart Sound Connect Centralised Management

Plymouth City Council

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Smart Sound Connect Centralised Management

Reference number

21615

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72315000 - Data network management and support services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To appoint a suitably experienced and qualified supplier to provide centralised management of Smart Sound Connect, a high throughput, low latency 4/5G Mobile private network to cover Plymouth Sound area, supporting marine trials of multiple use cases across marine autonomous vessels and marine research

PML Applications have already been appointed under an existing contract to provide full end-to-end design, implementation and management of the Smart Sound Connect 4G/5G and high speed mesh networks at a value of £145,000.

It is proposed under this VEAT Notice that this contract is extended to include responsibility for the full management and support for the contracted 27 use cases at a value of £85,000

Contract to run until 31st December 2023 with 5 year equipment legacy requirements

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: £230,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98360000 - Marine services
- 72315000 - Data network management and support services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK41 - Plymouth

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Negotiated procedure without prior publication in accordance with Regulation 32 (2) (b) (iii) –

negotiated procedure without prior publication of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015

Contract duration: Until 31st December 2023 with 5 year equipment legacy requirements

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Smart Sound Connect project is a unique and ambitious undertaking, led by Plymouth City Council (PCC). To successfully develop and run a solution in this marine and military environment has resulted in a unique and specialised set of technical requirements.

The solution will leverage Smart Sound Plymouth, the City's advanced marine testbed. This is managed by Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML). Given this is the case, PML are the designated management partner and are therefore engaged to carry out the required centralised management to ensure de-confliction of activities and the delivery of the agreed targets with the funder over the 12 month duration of the programme.

The programme is required to deliver use cases over the duration of the project. Given the need to access Smart Sound Plymouth assets to do this, PML are the only entity that can provide the complete management of the testing platform

PML Applications have already been appointed under an existing contract to provide full end-to-end design, implementation and management of the Smart Sound Connect 4G/5G and high speed mesh networks and as such are the only supplier who can provide the additional requirement to fully manage and support the contracted 27 use cases.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

21615

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 May 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

PML Applications Limited

Prospect Place, The Hoe

Plymouth

PL1 3DH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK41 - Plymouth

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £230,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

City of Westminster

London

SW1P 3BD

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Plymouth City Council is adhering to a 10 calendar day standstill period in accordance with

Regulation 99-(3)(C) of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This standstill period will commence the day after the date on which this voluntary transparency notice is published in FTS.