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Tender

Provision of Radiosondes and Related Goods and Services

Met Office

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0337c7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>

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

Provision of Radiosondes and Related Goods and Services

Reference number

DN612584

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38100000 - Navigational and meteorological instruments

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Met Office is looking for a supplier to supply a radiosondes, manual and automated launchers, and associated services for an initial period of 5 years with the option to extend up to a maximum of a further 5 years (10 years total).

The core contract value is estimated at £8.5M, but could potentially increase up to £16M if the network is increased due to other initiatives not being pursued during to contract period.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £16,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Met Office is looking for a supplier to supply a radiosondes, manual and automated launchers, and associated services for an initial period of 5 years with the option to extend up to a maximum of a further 5 years (10 years total).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £16,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Likely to be some or all elements of current scope, to be confirmed nearer the date.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional extension of duration from 5 years by up to a further 5 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

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

There are significant costs of change (practical testing and evaluation to assure the quality and accuracy of the proposed radiosondes, disposal/replacement, retraining, redeployment, geographic location and access to sites, particularly if an autosonde needs replacing) associated with any tender for these devices. The market is a small with relatively few players and this is unlikely to change in the short to medium term. The lifetime of the automatic launchers is in the region of 15 years and the contract will provide spares and the option for a support service as well as allowing our staff to undertake the work themselves if this makes more sense. The ability to let a contract of significant length mitigates the costs associated with the exercise.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

20 June 2022

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 8 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

20 June 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: As a primary source of meteorological data, usage of radiosondes is likely to continue beyond this contract opportunity

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Met Office

Exeter

Country

United Kingdom