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Contract

## **ID 4591366 Update to Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment of Offshore Renewable Energy in Northern Ireland**

Department for the Economy

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

ID 4591366 Update to Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations  
Assessment of Offshore Renewable Energy in Northern Ireland

Reference number

ID 4591366

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 90000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

A Contractor is required to update the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) to underpin the 2012 Offshore Renewable Energy Strategic Action (ORESAP), to inform the development and enable the adoption of the new Offshore Renewable Energy Action Plan (OREAP) and to meet statutory requirements of any policy or plan effecting the marine environment. The contract will commence upon Contract award for an initial period of one year. There is one option to extend for any period up to, and including, one year.

#### **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: £173,505

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 90720000 - Environmental protection
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71300000 - Engineering services
- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Proposed Methodology / Weighting: 33.75

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Proposed Team Experience / Weighting: 20.25

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Contract Management and Contingency / Weighting: 10.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Social Value / Weighting: 10.5

Cost criterion - Name: AC5 Total Contract Price / Weighting: 25

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is one option to extend for any period up to, and including, one year.

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **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: [2022/S 000-034172](#)

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## **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**

10 May 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

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: 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 contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £173,505

Total value of the contract/lot: £173,505

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The successful Contractor's performance will be managed as per the specification. and regularly monitored. 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 their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be grounds for termination.. of the contract at the Contractor's expense. In lieu of termination they may be issued with a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of... Unsatisfactory Performance. A central register of such Notices for supplies and services Contracts will be maintained and published... on the CPD website. Any

Contractor in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or Notices of Unsatisfactory Performance will be... required to declare this in future tender submissions for a period of three years from the date of issue of the Notice. It may also result in... the Contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement..

## **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 as amended

Belfast

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 (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.