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Contract

The Provision of an Adventure Activity Licensing Authority

Health and Safety Executive

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-013634

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b4c1

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Health and Safety Executive

Redgrave Court, Merton Road, Bootle, Merseyside

Liverpool

L207HS

Email

tenders@hse.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD73 - Sefton

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.hse.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

The Provision of an Adventure Activity Licensing Authority

Reference number

HSE/T4685

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is the independent regulator of health and safety and

is sponsored by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP).

HSE is designated as the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA) in GB. The

Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA) is administered by HSE's Local Authority and Safety Unit (LASU). LASU sits within HSE's Operational Strategy Branch.

LASU's Entertainment Leisure, Commercial and Consumer Services Sector team provides

the policy lead on health and safety within the adventure activity sector, regardless of whether HSE or the Local Authority is the enforcing authority.

The AALA was created following the Lyme Bay canoeing tragedy in March 1993. The MP for

Plymouth Devonport, who represented the parents of those who died, introduced a Private

Member's Bill, which became the Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Act 1995.

Tourism Quality Services (TQS) was the original AALA, until responsibility was transferred to

HSE in 2007 however HSE contracted TQS to continue to operate the service on its behalf.

From then TQS were formally known as the Adventure Activities Licensing Service (AALS).

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The Contractor, on behalf of the AALA, is under contract to inspect providers of licensable activities and make a judgement on their suitability to hold a license, in accordance with the

legislation. The Contractor will adhere to the requirements of Regulation 6 (a) of the Regulations and only award licenses to applicants who meet the necessary criteria.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £1,466,436 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Contract is for a 3 year period with two 1 year extensions available if agreed by both parties

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-036131](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1.11.4.4865

Title

The Provision of an Adventure Activity Licensing Authority

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Adventure Risk Management Services Ltd

Redgrave Court, Merton Rd, Bootle L20 7HS, UK

Derham, Norfolk

L20 7HS

Email

tenders@hse.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

12321367

Internet address

www.hse.gov.uk

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: £146,643,623

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,466,436

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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