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Floating Offshore Wind (FOW): Centre of Excellence

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-energy-and-industrial-strategy>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Floating Offshore Wind (FOW): Centre of Excellence

Reference number

5177/07/2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

As part of the wider £20m Floating Offshore Wind (FOW) Programme, BEIS will support the development of less mature technology solutions through an established 'Centre of Excellence' (COE). A COE in this space is a consortium of industrial partners which funds feasibility studies for FOW technologies that have a 'TRL' (technology readiness level) that is too low for a demonstration project. It is important for the FOW Programme to continue horizon scanning for innovation opportunities through the evaluation of emerging technologies. The most effective way for the programme to achieve this within timeframes is by participating in an existing association or COE.

There is only 1 existing COE that operates in the FOW industry, focused at the right TRL and with a UK focus: The Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult led COE.

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: £2,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

It is important for the Floating Offshore Wind programme to continue horizon scanning for innovation opportunities through evaluation of emerging technologies, ie those that are of a readiness level beyond research and development (R&D), but not yet mature enough for a demonstration project. The most effective way for the programme to achieve this within the necessary timeframes is by participation in an existing association or centre of excellence (COE). The CoE for FOW administered by the Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Catapult is an established consortium, currently with 13 members (developers). The consortium has similar objectives to SICE for FOW and are focusing their feasibility studies on technologies with lower TRL

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:

There is only 1 existing COE that operates in the Floating Offshore Wind (FOW) industry, focused at the right TRL and with a UK focus: The OREC led COE. Therefore, competition for this requirement is absent.

It is important for the programme to continue horizon scanning for innovation opportunities through evaluation of emerging technologies, ie those that are of a readiness level beyond research and development (R&D), but not yet mature enough for a demonstration project. The most effective way for the programme to achieve this within the necessary timeframes is by participation in an existing association or centre of excellence (COE). The CoE for FOW administered by the Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Catapult is an established consortium, currently with 13 members (developers). The consortium has aligned objectives to the Science & Innovation for Climate and Energy (SICE) Directorate for Floating Offshore Wind (FOW) and are focusing their feasibility studies on technologies with lower TRL.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 June 2021

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

Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult

Offshore House, Albert Street

Blyth

NE24 1LZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

04659351

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

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