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Contract

CYMRUSOC PROVISION OF A SECURITY OPERATING CENTRE

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0394ec

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0347

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

CYMRUSOC PROVISION OF A SECURITY OPERATING CENTRE

Reference number

CS/MTCBC/SOC/001

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72700000 - Computer network services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council is acting as the Contracting Authority on a collaborative procurement to establish a Security Operating Centre (SOC) service on behalf of up to 21 other Welsh Public Sector bodies as listed in the Statement of Requirements as was contained in the ITT. A further competition has been conducted under the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) Cyber Security 3 Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS).

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: £4,621,500 / Highest offer: £11,579,334.30 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72700000 - Computer network services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

At Member Bodies throughout Wales.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The CymruSOC project addresses the escalating risk of cyber-attacks on the public sector by providing a dedicated managed service provider to deliver cybersecurity services tailored to the needs of Local Authorities and Fire and Rescue Services in Wales. CymruSOC aims to enhance cyber resilience, readiness and visibility across Wales, supporting the “Defend as One” principle outlined in the 2022 UK National Cyber Strategy. By managing cyber security

risks, detecting security events and minimizing the impact of cyber incidents, CymruSOC will strengthen the overall cyber resilience of its members. Additionally, the project aligns with the Welsh Government's Cyber Action Plan, promoting cyber security awareness and skill development to build a thriving cyber economy. The Contracting Authority is in possession of an Award of Funding in relation to the Cymru Security Operations Centre to fund this requirement. The 21 Member Bodies are: Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Flintshire County Council, Carmarthenshire County Council, Powys County Council, Pembrokeshire County Council, Denbighshire County Council, Cygnor Sir Ynys Mon, Swansea Council, Wrexham County Borough Council, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Cyngor Sir Ceredigion County Council, Neath Port Talbot Council, Bridgend County Borough Council, Conwy County Borough Council, Gwynedd Council, Cardiff Council, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Mid and West Fire and Rescue Service. The contract will also be available to other public bodies in Wales.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Member Bodies are permitted to purchase the suppliers SIEM offering.

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

Restricted 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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

ecm_143037

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 April 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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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London

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £3,300,000

Lowest offer: £4,621,500 / Highest offer: £11,579,334.30 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(WA Ref:141103)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

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