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Contract

## **Support & Maintenance Agreement - Grid Emulation System**

Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC21 - Northumberland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.ore.catapult.org.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.ore.catapult.org.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Compliance with grant funding agreement

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research & Development

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Support & Maintenance Agreement - Grid Emulation System

Reference number

ORE/23/019

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

- 50532000 - Repair and maintenance services of electrical machinery, apparatus and associated equipment

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

Services

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

NB: this is an award notice only

ORE Catapult tendered and procured a bespoke Grid Emulation System ("System") in 2017.

The purpose of this award is to Contract GE Power Conversion UK Ltd (the original OEM) to perform ongoing maintenance and support services for the equipment to maximize system performance and availability and provide breakdown support in the event of failure of the GE designed and installed Grid Emulation System at ORE Catapult Site in Blyth.

#### **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: £845,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKC21 - Northumberland

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

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Included in the Support & Maintenance service is the following:

- Emergency Maintenance
- 24/7 Telephone Helpdesk service.
- Predictive Maintenance
- Preventative Maintenance .
- Routine Maintenance

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

Cost criterion - Name: A "Negotiated without Prior Publication" process was carried out /  
Weighting: 100

#### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

25R16P00656

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Negotiated without Prior Publication process was deemed the most appropriate solution due to the technical complexity, proprietary equipment, software coding and engineering know-how of the bespoke system. GE is the designer and OEM of the System, and no other reasonable alternative or substitute exists, and the absence of a competition is not the result of artificially narrowing the parameters of the requirement.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

ORE23019

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 March 2023

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

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**

GE Energy Power Conversion UK Ltd

Thomson Houston Way, Off Technology Drive, Rugby

Warwickshire

CV21 1BD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG1 - Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £845,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Royal Courts of Justice

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London

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