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Contract

Innovation to De-Carbonise Agricultural Communities while Optimising Rural Grids Challenge

Cyngor Sir Ceredigion County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04be96

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0491

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

Innovation to De-Carbonise Agricultural Communities while Optimising Rural Grids Challenge

Reference number

itt_114308

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

This Challenge funding competition is part of the first cycle of a Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI or Contracts for Innovation) programme funded by the Welsh Government Smart Living, known as the Whole Systems Research & Innovation for Decarbonisation (WSRID) SBRI 1.0 Challenge.

This Challenge is to find a solution to managing the demand on rural grids in more innovative ways could help to reduce the cost of grid infrastructure and facilitate energy transition to net zero.

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: £625,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

Main site or place of performance

Ceredigion/ Powys

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Ceredigion County Council is undertaking a SBRI type procurement exercise for this requirement.

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Initiative (SBRI or Contracts for Innovation) programme funded by the Welsh Government Smart Living, known as the Whole Systems Research & Innovation for Decarbonisation (WSRID) SBRI 1.0 Challenge.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Project Summary / Weighting: 18.75

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation & Intellectual Property / Weighting: 12.5

Quality criterion - Name: Project Plan & Methodology / Weighting: 18.75

Quality criterion - Name: Technical & Team Expertise / Weighting: 12.5

Quality criterion - Name: Plan for Commercialisation / Weighting: 6.25

Quality criterion - Name: Proposed Idea\Technology / Weighting: 18.75

Price - Weighting: 12.5

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are separate contracts for Phase 1 and Phase 2, both covered under this Notice.

The funding for Phase 1 is GBP100k which is to be divided as necessary (unequally) between up to 4 projects. The contract for Phase 1 will terminate upon completion (31st March 2025).

Subject to projects being taken forward to Phase 2 and additional funding of up to GBP500k being secured, there will be a restricted bidding process between Phase 1 suppliers for the delivery of Phase 2.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Please see contract documentation for full details.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

Notification of receipt of funding and the tight deadline for project delivery means there is not enough time to allow for conventional timescales.

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: [2024/S 000-038071](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 January 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CHALLOCH ENERGY LIMITED

9 Court Road

Bridgend

CF311BE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL17 - Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Lafan

Dolafon, Ammanford

CARMARTHENSHIRE

SA18 2NX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SEVERN WYE ENERGY AGENCY LTD.

Pillar & Lucy House, Merchants Road

Gloucester

GL25RG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

GREEN GAUNTTLET LIMITED

Woodside Barra Bourtie, Oldmeldrum

Inverurie

AB510BH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CENTRE FOR ENERGY EQUALITY LTD

10 Farndon Close, Cuddington

Northwich

CW82QH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £625,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note: This project is split into two phases. The value of the Phase 1 contracts awarded is GBP123923.20. It is the intention that there will be a restricted tender exercise undertaken for Phase 2 of the project, with successful organisations from Phase 1 being invited.

The value of Phase 2 can be up to GBP500000 subject to Welsh Government funding being made available.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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