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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): ocds-h6vhtk-04be96

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

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

Cyngor Sir Ceredigion County Council

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Aberystwyth

SY23 3UE

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#### **Telephone**

+44 1545570881

#### **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](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

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## **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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## **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.

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## **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](#)

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## **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 GAUNTLET 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

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## **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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