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Contract

Leicestershire CAN Demonstrator: Community Energy Pathways - Work Package 3

Leicestershire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.eastmidstenders.org/index.html>

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

Leicestershire CAN Demonstrator: Community Energy Pathways - Work Package 3

Reference number

DN723017

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80540000 - Environmental training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Leicestershire CAN (Collaborate to Accelerate Net Zero): Demonstrator has been awarded £2.5 million by Innovate UK to create an environment for well-planned, deliverable, impactful place-based net zero interventions in Leicestershire, replicable to other local authority (LA) areas.

Comprising 4 interconnected work packages, CAN-De will lay the foundations for successful delivery. This work package is concerned with the delivery of the Community Energy Pathway (CEP). The CEP work package will:

Assess the current state of community energy in Leicestershire and identify opportunities/key priority areas, to inform the development of community energy capacity.

Engage the relevant stakeholders in the county to gather support and interest for community energy.

Assess and work with interested parties and community groups, to share understanding about becoming or setting up a new community energy organization.

Identify potential for at least one community energy organisation in each of the districts of Leicestershire – assessing the levels of support, training and skills needed to enable them to thrive.

Support community energy across Leicestershire through the provision of tools and resources, to cover funding, finance models, legal and other appropriate areas to enable the organisations to deliver projects successfully.

Provide specialist training and support for the chosen new community energy organisations and to the existing community energy groups in Leicestershire. To include, share offers, energy advice, business models, legal and feasibility offers.

Work with the other work packages of the demonstrator to identify a pipeline of community energy projects and support undertaking feasibility studies to deliver against the Demonstrator's ambition of having 14 projects in discover, development or delivery by the end of the project.

Provide grants to new community energy organisations to support their set up.

Work towards embedding longevity and sustainable business models for community energy in Leicestershire to ensure they continue to success after the completion of the Demonstrator – engaging with the other work packages and also sharing guidance and lessons learned to other local authority areas, so they may be able to replicate the success seen in Leicestershire.

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: £237,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71314000 - Energy and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A soft market test was conducted in January 2024, to test the market for possible providers. On completion of the soft market test review, it was clear that there was only one provider who has the ability to be capable of delivering all of the Demonstrator work package 3 objectives. Therefore the decision was made to award the contract directly to this provider as there was absence of competition for technical reasons.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Direct Award / 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: No

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 Council undertook a soft market test to determine the capacity and capability of providers in the market. The result of the soft market test clearly illustrated that there was only a single a provider who had the ability to fulfil the requirements of this contract.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

9 May 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Community Energy South Ltd

Lewes

BN7 2LX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

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: £237,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £237,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom