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Contract

PS22482 - The provision of an independent national body to deliver the vision of the national electrification skills framework and forum - RFP

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) – Innovate UK

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ab87

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) – Innovate UK

Polaris House

Swindon

SN2 1LF

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK14 - Swindon

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ukpbs.co.uk

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

PS22482 - The provision of an independent national body to deliver the vision of the national electrification skills framework and forum - RFP

Reference number

PS22482

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

***** THIS IS AN AWARD NOTICE, NOT A CALL FOR COMPETITION *****

This procurement is being concluded following a competitive procurement exercise.

Brief Description of Requirement

Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, seeks to fund an independent national body to administer and govern the vision for a NESFF as set out in the report. To date the NESFF has been led by WMG. Now we are seeking to fund dedicated resource to support the continued development and, most importantly, the implementation of NESFF. This intervention is needed to ensure that sufficient resource is allocated to enable the UK to continue to develop and deliver the vision of NESFF. The reason for this intervention is to therefore provide the dedicated, independent resource to deliver the vision for NESFF, which would not be possible otherwise as there is currently no solely dedicated resource to lead this activity.

The role of this funded body will be to ensure that the main stakeholders are brought together to support the most pressing electrification skills needs. Battery and power electronics, machines and drives (PEMD) manufacturing must be included in this initially funded period (other electrification technology areas may form part of the work but battery and PEMD manufacturing must be addressed). The independent national body will ensure that main stakeholders are engaged through the forum aspect. The framework aspect will involve continual horizon scanning and stakeholder engagement to identify areas of priority across all relevant technologies and sectors (manufacturing of batteries, power electronics, machines and drives for transport applications must be included) and develop the workforce development framework to enable these technologies to be delivered.

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: £699,722

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Rationale for the intervention

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The independent national body (the “INB”) will champion the need for electrification workforce development programmes across all skills level. The current training provision at all levels and career stages is insufficient to support incumbent electrification technologies. In line with this the INB will also champion the need to expand the talent pool and encourage greater inclusion and diversity to enable the UK to resource its net zero ambitions.

Aim of the initiative

Innovate UK seeks to fund a single organisation or consortium of organisations to lead the administrative, management and governance function of the National Electrification Skills Framework and Forum (National-Electrification-Skills-Forum-Brochure-FINAL.pdf (catapult.org.uk)) and effectively own what is currently the “NESFF” initiative.

The vision for the National Electrification Skills Framework and Forum is to enable the transition to electrification through a coordinated approach to workforce development.

The aim of this intervention is to create an independent body that can lead the NESFF initiative and facilitate a coordinated approach to workforce development.

Objectives of the independent national body

The INB will deliver against the national framework, with the following objectives:

1. National Electrification Skills Framework and Forum is a long-term functioning and

operational body

2. NESFF is recognised as the leader of the national electrification skills agenda

3. Stakeholders are united behind the common NESFF vision

4. The common NESFF vision is implemented

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Open 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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IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

PS22482

Title

The Provision of a National Coordinating Body to Support Transport Electrification Skills

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

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

CU Service Limited

Priory Street

Coventry

CV1 5FB

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)

Total value of the contract/lot: £699,722

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

UK SBS Limited

Polaris House

Swindon

SN2 1FF

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

UK Shared Business Services Ltd

Polaris House

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United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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United Kingdom