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Award

VISI Technical toolkit Support, Maintenance and Development (interim contract)

RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT - NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

www.gov.uk

Buyer's address

www.gov.uk/rwm

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Nuclear Decommissioning

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

VISI Technical toolkit Support, Maintenance and Development (interim contract)

Reference number

RWM348-02

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212100 - Industry specific software development services
 - FG11 - For scientific purposes

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Radioactive Waste Management Limited (the Contracting Authority) entered into a call-off contract with Tessella Limited (the Contractor) for the VISI Safety Case Management System Development ('the 2020 Contract') (RWM348-01) on 31 July 2021.

This VEAT notice is in respect of proposed modifications to the Contract awarded. It is not the award of a new contract. An up to eight month extension to the 2020 Contract is urgently required so that there is no gap in the services provision. See additional information given in the sections below.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £175,000 / Highest offer: £189,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The VISI Safety Case Management System Development (VISI) is the system which RWM will ultimately use to author its safety case and to manage configuration and control changes to it. VISI has been developed by the current Contractor to 'V2' of the system.

RWM requires the current Contractor to provide continuity of support, maintenance and limited development within the scope of the 2020 Contract.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Taking into account the scope of the 2020 Contract, the Contracting Authority considers that the proposed extension of the 2020 Contract is not substantial for the purposes of 72(1)(e) of the Directive. The Contracting Authority considers that extending the 2020 Contract in the manner proposed is for operational and commercial reasons to achieve continuity of service. The continuity of services from the current Contractor seeks to ensure the ongoing delivery of the services on a value for money basis. Note though this is only short- term and the Contracting Authority will be commencing a fresh public procurement process (RWM176 - Technical Toolkits: Support, Maintenance and Development Framework) by end August 2021.

II.2.14) Additional information

The Contracting Authority is not awarding a new contract but is modifying the Contract awarded to Tessella Limited dated 31 July 2021. An up to eight month extension to the 2020 Contract is urgently required so that there is no gap in the services provision. The Contracting Authority will be commencing a fresh public procurement process (RWM176 - Technical Toolkits: Support, Maintenance and Development Framework) by end of August 2021.

A Prior information notice (PIN), relating to the RWM176 Technical Toolkits: Support, Maintenance and Development Framework was published at:

https://sharedsystems.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=13354&B=SELLAFIELD

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Contracting Authority considers that the proposed modifications to the 2020 Contract are not 'substantial', pursuant to art. 72(1)(e) of the Directive, and accordingly the continuation of the VISI Safety Case Management System Development Services (the Services) may lawfully be agreed between the parties and implemented without the need to conduct a fresh procurement procedure. The character of the 2020 Contract and the Services to be delivered by the Contractor remains the same; the services required by the Contracting Authority are continuity of support, maintenance and limited development. This is important as the tool may be in need of bug fixes and enhancement which arise during the scientific population activity; there is to be no extension in the scope of the 2020 Contract; there is to be no change to the economic balance of the 2020 Contract in favour of the Contractor; and there is to be no replacement of the Contractor to whom the Contracting Authority had initially awarded the Contract. Under this extension no significant new work will be placed which may give the incumbent a material advantage in any subsequent competition. The Contracting Authority will be commencing a fresh public procurement process (RWM176 - Technical Toolkits: Support, Maintenance and Development Framework) by end of August 2021. The Contracting Authority proposes to extend the 2020 Contract for up to eight months only to provide continuity of support, maintenance and limited development.

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/concession

Contract No

RWM348-02

Title

VISI Technical toolkit Support, Maintenance and Development (interim contract)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 July 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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NUTS code

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £175,000

Lowest offer: £175,000 / Highest offer: £189,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

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London

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