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Award

Taste Food Festival

The Royal Parks

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

The Royal Parks

The Old Police House, Hyde Park

London

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Email

procurement@royalparks.org.uk

Telephone

+44 3000612000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKI - London

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.royalparks.org.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.royalparks.org.uk/about-us/procurement>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Recreation, culture and religion

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Taste Food Festival

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79952000 - Event services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A 12-month extension to TRP's existing contract to allow the rescheduled delivery of the food festival held in The Regent's Park known as "Taste" due to the impact of Force Majeure, while TRP runs a procurement for a five (5) year contract for the delivery of the events from 2024 onwards.

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: £2,999,774

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice is published on a voluntary basis notwithstanding that neither the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 nor the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) are applicable.

The Royal Parks ("TRP") publishes this notice to record its intention to modify its contract

for the delivery of the food festival held in The Regent's Park known as "Taste", by extending its expiry date for 12 months to 30 September 2023. This is required in order to support the rescheduling of the event which was to be held in 2020 but which was cancelled due to the impact of COVID-19. COVID-19 is considered a Force Majeure Event under the contract and the associated provisions require the parties to use their reasonable endeavours to reschedule any event cancelled due to the occurrence of Force Majeure.

Due to the unforeseeable impact of COVID-19 (both up to the present time and beyond) and the associated effects on events, TRP would also not have sufficient time to begin a procurement exercise to allow its completion by a date which would provide an adequate mobilisation period for an event to be held in 2023. TRP intends to run a procurement exercise for a five (5) year contract to deliver the events from and including 2024 onwards, with the associated invitation to tender to be issued in late 2022.

TRP believes that this modification would, in any event, be permissible under Regulation 43(1)(c) of the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 (were those Regulations to be applicable) as:

- (i) the need for this modification has been brought about by circumstances which it could not have foreseen;
- (ii) the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract; and
- (iii) the associated increase in value does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

On the basis of legal advice taken by TRP, it is clear that neither the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 nor the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 apply to its procurement exercise given the nature of the contract awarded. This notice is, however, published for the purposes of transparency only, in order to align to the general principles applicable to cases where those Regulations would be applicable.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 July 2022

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

Taste Festivals Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,999,774

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,999,774

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The value of the concession as stated in this notice is the estimated total annual turnover over the 12-month extension period.

The date stated in section V.2.1. (Date of contract/concession award decision) is incorrect and has only been stated as such for the purposes of completing and publishing this VEAT notice. TRP intends to enter into the extension on 11/08/22.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Royal Parks

London

Country

United Kingdom