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Contract

## **Sustainable Drainage Technical Support**

East Sussex County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-018510

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03dd77

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

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

East Sussex County Council

County Hall, St. Annes Crescent

LEWES

BN71UE

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

**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**

Sustainable Drainage Technical Support

Reference number

2920

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Under the Town and Country Planning Act, the County Council performs two statutory consultee

roles, namely the Lead Local Flood Authority and the Highway Authority. To ensure that the County

Council is able to appropriately discharge these roles and ensure that planning authorities are able

to make timely decisions on planning applications and meet Government set performance targets,

it is essential that the two teams that perform these roles are appropriately resourced.

What has become apparent over the past 12-15 months is that the absence of up-to-date Local

Plans in most planning authority areas, coupled with high housing delivery/need targets, has led

to a significant increase in applications and pre-application enquiries for residential schemes that

have not already been allocated in Local Plans.

With this taken into account, it has been recommended that two additional roles be created and

recruited into in the Flood Risk Management team, to primarily consider and respond to planning

consultations. The team have tried recruiting into the roles via the standard recruitment

processes within the authority, both via HR and through the Temporary Resources contract, on a

number of occasions, none of which have been successful. As such, they are now seeking to

recruit via the external consultancy market in order to fill the roles.

#### **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: £240,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

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An open procedure was run via the Proactis Procurement Portal

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **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:

A prior information notice was published (2023/S 000-004582) but a contract opportunity notice was not, this happened in error

#### **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.2.9) 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

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Title**

Sustainable Drainage Technical Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

28 June 2023

#### **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**

Ardent Consulting Engineers

3rd Floor, The Hallmark Building, 52-56 Leadenhall Street

London

EC3M 5JE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

05463029

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £240,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £240,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom