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Award

Historic Environment Records Contract

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

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NUTS code

UKL - Wales

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Main address

<http://www.gov.wales>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

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

Historic Environment Records Contract

Reference number

C293/2023/2024

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 92512000 - Archive services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Compilation and retention of up to date historic environment records for Wales.

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: £400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 92512000 - Archive services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

All Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016 requires the Welsh Ministers to compile and keep up to date a historic environment record (HER) for each local authority in Wales. The only comprehensive coverage of historic environments records in Wales are those maintained by Heneb: The Trust for Welsh Archaeology (formerly the four regional Welsh Archaeological Trusts).

The most cost-effective means of discharging this duty on Welsh Ministers is to utilise the existing online facility maintained by Heneb to provide public access to the core information held in the regional HERs. This online access (known as Archwilio) has been adapted to meet the requirements of the legislation.

The Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016 will be superseded by the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023, which received Royal Assent in May 2023. The provisions of the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023 will come into force in autumn 2024, after this contract has been implemented. The Act is consolidation legislation and does not change any existing or impose any new duties or powers for the purpose of this contract. As such, the legal provisions discharged by this contract will be transferred to the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023 and will continue beyond the contract implementation date.

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This voluntary ex ante transparency notice is intended to provide notice of the Authority's decision to award a contract to Heneb, The Trust for Welsh Archaeology for the retention and maintenance of historic environment records in Wales.

The contract requires Heneb to compile and keep up to date a historic environment record for each local authority area in Wales in accordance with s35 of the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016. In addition, Heneb will make this record publicly available through their Archwilio web service in accordance with s36 of the above-named Act. This will be achieved through compliance with the guidance stated in s37 of the above-named Act. This contract will discharge The Welsh Ministers' legal responsibilities regarding this matter.

It is the opinion of Welsh Government that the contract in question satisfies the requirement of Regulation 32 Use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication as the only comprehensive coverage of historic environment records in Wales are those maintained by Heneb: The Trust for Welsh Archaeology. Therefore the requirements of regulation 32 (2)(b)(ii)(iii) apply to the contract.

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

Contract No

C293/2023/2024

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 April 2024

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

Heneb, The Trust for Welsh Archaeology

The Corner House, 6 Carmarthen Street

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SA19 6AE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

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: £400,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £400,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a contract award notice. The opportunity is not open to bids.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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