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Tender

118_21 – Weather Forecasting Service for Winter Road Maintenance

ESPO

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

www.eastmidstenders.org

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.eastmidstenders.org

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Local Authority Services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

118_21 – Weather Forecasting Service for Winter Road Maintenance

Reference number

118_21

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71351600 - Weather-forecasting services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The requirement is for the provision of a weather forecasting service which will primarily serve to assist with winter road maintenance. This involves the provision covering the road networks as maintained by EAC members as well as other eligible public sector bodies during the course of the framework.

ESPO has established a commercial trading company, ESPO Trading Limited, whose target clients are third sector organisations such as national and local charities, public sector mutual organisations and other organisations involved in the delivery of services to or for the public sector. The successful Supplier may be asked to enter into an additional separate framework agreement (the Second Framework) with ESPO Trading Limited on materially similar terms to that found in the tender pack to be entered into by ESPO itself.

Any Second Framework agreement will be a purely commercial agreement and will, for the avoidance of doubt, not be governed by the Public Contract Regulations 2015 or other public procurement legislation. ESPO Trading Limited may enter into the second framework agreement with the successful supplier and make it available to third sector clients who themselves are not required to follow the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or other public procurement legislation. Accordingly, this is provided for bidders' information only.

To tender: (a) Go to www.eastmidstenders.org, (b) Register (c) Search for tender opportunity '118_21' d) Express an interest (e) Access and download the tender from the website.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Weather Forecasting Services for the East Anglian Consortium (EAC)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71351600 - Weather-forecasting services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 - Tenders are invited for the provision of a weather forecasting service for winter road maintenance purposes for the EAC (East Anglian Consortium). The successful tenderer will be required to provide the specified services to the EAC for the period of the contract awarded. All EAC members will require a number of common services - 'Standard Winter Service', 'Site Specific Services' and 'Training Services'. Additionally, EAC members may opt to take additional services - identified as 'Optional Summer Forecast Services'.

Lot Scope: Lot 1 shall be open for use by members of the Client (EAC) only. This Lot will cover a number of common services including 'Standard Winter Service', 'Site Specific Services' and 'Training Services'. Additionally, EAC members may also opt to take further services, which are identified as 'Optional Summer Forecast Services'.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

1 October 2021

End date

30 September 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 12 months. The total estimated value stated in Section II.1.5 includes the option period.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Provision of weather forecasting services to all eligible public bodies throughout the UK

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71351600 - Weather-forecasting services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 - Tenders are invited for the provision of a weather forecasting service for winter road maintenance purposes for national usage. The successful tenderers will be required to provide the specified services on a national basis for the period of the contract awarded. Customers will require a number of common services - 'Standard Winter Service', 'Site Specific Services' and 'Training Services' and may opt to take additional services such as 'Optional Summer Forecast Services'.

Lot Scope - The high profile of procurement within local government and the national drive to aggregate and collaborate means that there is a large potential group of Customers who may choose to access this Lot of the Framework.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

1 October 2021

End date

30 September 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 12 months. The total estimated value stated in Section II.1.5 includes the option period.

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

The minimum financial requirement for the purposes of the current tender exercise is stated in the procurement documents.

This contract will operate on-going contract monitoring procedures following award, to ensure financial stability requirements are maintained.

Credit rating checks will be carried out on a regular basis, using the credit rating agency, Creditsafe Business Solutions Limited.

Any changes will be assessed (compared with a baseline credit rating score obtained at contract award stage) and significant changes or sustained degradation will be investigated.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

3 September 2021

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 2 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

3 September 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

As a Central Purchasing Body as defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Framework Agreement is open for use by Public Bodies (defined at <https://www.espo.org/amfile/file/download/file/9608/>) that also fall into one of the following classifications of user throughout all administrative regions of the UK: Local Authorities; Educational Establishments (including Academies); Central Government Departments and Agencies; Police, Fire & Rescue and Coastguard Emergency Services; NHS and HSC Bodies, including Ambulance Services; Registered Charities; Registered Social Landlords; The Corporate Office of the House of Lords, The Corporate Officer of the House of Commons; or any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament. Details of the classification of end user establishments and geographical areas are available at: <https://www.espo.org/legal>

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Royal Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

ESPO will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. Applicants who are unsuccessful shall be informed by ESPO as soon as possible after the decision has been made as to the reasons why the applicant was unsuccessful. If an appeal regarding

the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2105 No. 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take legal action. Any such action must be brought within the applicable limitation period. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order for any document to be amended and may award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order for a fine to be paid, and/or order the duration of the contract be shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.