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Contract

Ukraine Humanitarian Response Welcome Centre

Cardiff Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ddf7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/Pages/default.aspx>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0422

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Housing and community amenities

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Ukraine Humanitarian Response Welcome Centre

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In March 2022, Welsh Government established a series of initial accommodation sites across Wales to accommodate an influx of Ukrainian refugees whom it committed to support, as a “super sponsor”, under the UK Government’s Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

As part of this strategy, Welsh Government confirmed a package of funding to enable Cardiff Council to establish the Park Lane ApartHotel as a “Welcome Centre” for an initial six-month period, to allow residents to complete their initial orientation, before moving on to longer-term accommodation.

The site was selected after various other options were eliminated due to cost and other practical considerations. Furthermore, due to its city centre location, it provides easy access to key front-line services, including the Job Centre, CAVHIS and Cardiff Central Library Hub, which are an integral part of the initial reception and orientation of newly arrived Ukrainian refugees. In addition, it offers self-catered accommodation, which compliments the Welsh Government aim to promote independence and reduce its spending on catering and other ancillary services.

Welsh Government initially committed to sponsor up to 1,000 refugees under this pathway, however, a temporary operational pause on new applications was announced on 10th June 2022, after approximately 2,700 Visas had already been issued.

While there has been incredible support at all levels of government for this humanitarian cause, Local Authorities have struggled to provide viable opportunities in both the private rented sector and in individual sponsorship arrangements, so the pace of move-on has slowed significantly. Sites which were stood up in a crisis to provide emergency respite, have become medium-term solutions.

As such, on 14th August, Welsh Government confirmed Ministerial approval for a six-month extension to the ApartHotel contract, with funding to cover the full cost of the procurement.

In March 2023, Welsh Government unveiled its strategy to close the remaining hotels and welcome centres across Wales, through a phased approach, over the next financial year.

Under the closure plans, more cost-effective types of accommodation, such as Welcome Centres and holiday parks, will be retained until later in the scheme. Welsh Government intends to retain the Cardiff Welcome Centre until the end of December 2023 (during Phase 3 of its operation), as an integral part of its closure plans, however, it will not contract directly with the accommodation provider.

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: £1,238,400

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

PCR 2015 Regulation

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Urban Space and Travel Company Limited

The Maltings, East Tyndell Street

Cardiff

CF245EA

Telephone

+44 7872953182

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,238,400

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(WA Ref:132353)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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