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Contract

## **Winter Service and Foyle Bridge - Data and Weather Station Management**

DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-035040

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

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

DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

CLARENCE COURT,10-18 ADELAIDE STREET

BELFAST

BT28GB

#### **Email**

[pb2@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:pb2@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal 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**

Winter Service and Foyle Bridge - Data and Weather Station Management

Reference number

DAC-0148

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

- 50411000 - Repair and maintenance services of measuring apparatus

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

Services

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

The contract is for the provision of data and weather station management of existing assets

associated with the Department's annual winter service programme.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £220,525 / Highest offer: £330,000 taken into consideration

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Department currently owns 23 weather stations which have been purchased from Vaisala at various times. The Department requires continued management and maintenance for these stations from 1st October 2022 until such time as they are replaced.

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

Price

#### **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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Department's 23 weather stations were all purchased from Vaisala. Since Vaisala are the original manufacturers of the various elements making up the various weather stations, only they can currently provide the management and maintenance that is required for these stations without considerable cost to the Department of replacing the stations or at least replacing many of the separate elements which go to make up a weather station.

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 - Regulation 32.

(2) The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:

(b) where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons:

(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons,

(iii) the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights, but only, in the case of paragraphs (ii) and (iii), where no reasonable alternative or substitute exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

### **Title**

Winter Service and Foyle Bridge - Data and Weather Station Management

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

7 July 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Vaisala Ltd

Elm House, 351 Bristol Road

BIRMINGHAM

B5 7SW

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)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £330,000

Lowest offer: £220,525 / Highest offer: £330,000 taken into consideration

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

BELFAST

Country

United Kingdom