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Contract

Wastewater Sampling Support Services

Department of Health and Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02d6a6

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department of Health and Social Care

39 Victoria Street

London

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Email

procurement.operations@dhsc.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKI32 - Westminster

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Wastewater Sampling Support Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90491000 - Sewer survey services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Supplier will provide wastewater sampling activities at a number of locations within the region in which the supplier operates. The two primary locations are manholes in urban or community locations and treatment centres, typically at primary inlet points

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: £344,502

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supplier will provide wastewater sampling activities at a number of locations within the region in which the supplier operates. The two primary locations are manholes in urban or community locations and treatment centres, typically at primary inlet points

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

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

1. On 11 March 2020 the World Health Organisation declared a COVID-19 pandemic with the associated serious risk posed to life. The UK Government's response to the

national emergency posed by COVID-19 includes the putting in place by it of arrangements for large-scale wastewater testing in respect of COVID-19. 2. A key element of ensuring an effective response to the pandemic is ensuring that there is a disease monitoring framework. Subsequently ensuring presence in key areas of interest (locally, regionally and nationally) and to have the ability to quickly respond to hotspots and new variants is crucial. The programme has engaged with 9 Water Companies in England to undertake the sampling across many of these locations. These contracts will cover the services associated with the sampling across England at both Treatment Centre locations and Network Locations across the geographic region of each water company. 3. DHSC is satisfied the tests permitting use of the Negotiated procedure without prior publication (Regulation 32(2)(b)(iii)) are met: A. The works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights: Northumbrian Water has exclusive proprietary rights over and in respect of its own water network infrastructure, plants etc. Northumbrian Water must in all circumstances provide consent before access is permitted to their plant or network infrastructure to undertake this sampling. In relation to the sampling being undertaken by the UK Government, Northumbrian Water has advised that only they (or their own authorised subcontractors under direct water company control) will undertake this sampling as it is their property and their risk. B. No reasonable alternative or substitute exists – The samples can only be sourced from Northumbrian Water infrastructure; therefore, no reasonable alternative exists. C. the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement – this procurement is part of a procurement strategy by the UK government to implement disease monitoring framework due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

2 August 2021

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

Northumbrian Water Limited

Northumbria House, Abbey Road

Durham

DH1 5FJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

02366703

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: £344,502

Total value of the contract/lot: £344,502

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £261,822

Proportion: 76 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Network Sampling Support

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

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generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals>