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Award

GSENZH - RFI Online platform

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

GSENZH - RFI Online platform

Reference number

DN614386

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Greater South East Net Zero Hub are looking for information from forward thinking organisations offering innovative solutions for the energy project management system described below.

A high-level scope and requirements are set out in the following sections.

The digital platform will need to provide the following functionalities:

3.1 Partner relationship & performance management Content management

3.2 Glossary

3.3 Project management & oversight

3.4 Reporting

3.5 Collaboration tools

The successful bidder will be required to work the Greater South East Net Zero Hub to tailor or develop further functionality for the digital platform.

The successful bidder will also be expected to provide content for the digital platform.

The successful bidder will work with Greater South East Net Zero Hub to agree a sustainable business model to enable, as minimum the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the platform and associated content beyond the duration of initial funding period.

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.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A Request for information was conducted via the e-tendering portal along with contracts finder, to gauge if there was interest and capability to deliver to the requirements from the market. The outcome of this exercise demonstrated that only 1 bidder was able to deliver an off the shelf solution and due to the timelines, bespoke options were not a viable option.

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:

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We therefore intend to proceed with the award relying upon Regulation 32.

Use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication

32.—(1) In the specific cases and circumstances laid down in this regulation, contracting authorities may award public contracts by a negotiated procedure without prior publication.

(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

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

The number of e-portal entries carried out to find suitable supplier interest is sufficient to pass the test that absence of competition is not due to an artificial narrowing of the procurement and the sole technical ability of 1 provider to deliver what is required for the services needed enables Reg 32 (2) (ii) to be used.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 July 2022

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

Energy Systems Catapult Services Ltd

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom