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Contract

Grounds Maintenance and Arboriculture Service

London Borough of Camden Council

F20: Modification notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

London Borough of Camden Council

5 Pancras Square

LONDON

N1C 4AG

Email

procurement@camden.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Grounds Maintenance and Arboriculture Service

Reference number

2018/S 207-473027

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 Grounds Maintenance

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77211500 - Tree-maintenance services
- 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Main site or place of performance

London Borough of Camden

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

Grounds Maintenance Services

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

Duration in months

96

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

1

Title

Lot 1 Grounds Maintenance Services

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

13 August 2018

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Quadron Services Ltd

The Hub, Warne Road

Weston-super-Mare

BS23 3UU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Companies House

02810263

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £19,600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Cabinet Office

70 Whitehall

London

SW1A 2AS

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR)

70 Fleet Street

London

EC4Y 1EU

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Main site or place of performance

London Borough of Camden

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

Grounds Maintenance Services

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

108

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£24,369,153

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Idverde Limited

Octavia House, Westwood Way, Westwood Business Park

Coventry

CV4 8JP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG33 - Coventry

Companies House

03542918

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The contract award notice lists Quadron Services Limited as the Supplier. The tender was submitted by Quadron Services before Idverde Limited acquired them.

The awarded contract commenced on 1st April 2017 for a period of 5 years, with the option of 3, 1-year extensions that were provided for in the initial procurement documents. These extension options have all been utilised and the current contract end date is 31st March 2025.

The London Borough of Camden is going out to tender for a new contract to commence on 1st April 2026, for the majority of the Grounds Maintenance Service. Part of the current Service (the Horticultural Service) will also be insourced from that date. In order to complete the tendering process, including consultation with Leaseholders under Section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 and Schedule 2 of the Service Charges (Consultation Requirements) (England) Regulations 2003, and the work to insource the Horticultural Service, the Contract is being extended for a period of 12 months from 1st April 2025. A waiver of the Council's Contract Standing Orders has been approved, with legal advice included in the report.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of

cost preventing a change of contractor:

Regulation 72(1)(b) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR) permit contracts to be modified without a new procurement procedure where additional services by the original contractor have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement, where a change of contractor -

(i) cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, services or installations procured under the initial procurement, or

(ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority,

provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

The regulations require that a modification notice is published in Find a Tender.

The estimated value of the extension is within the remit of PCR 72(1)(b). To put a new 1 year contract in place for April 2025 would not be commercially viable due to the length of time required for the consultation and procurement processes. Any potential operators in the market will have the opportunity to tender for the new contract, with the tender process estimated to commence in October 2024. The Council considers that the above justification provides rationale, and renders lawful the seeking of an extension to the current contract to allow for the procurement process, including Leaseholder consultation, insourcing and TUPE processes.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £21,000,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £24,369,153