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Award

Air Traffic Engineering and Maintenance Services

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-051584

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13542

I.6) Main activity

Airport-related activities

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Air Traffic Engineering and Maintenance Services

Reference number

HIA-1213

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 63731000 - Airport operation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Air Traffic Engineering and Maintenance Services focus on ensuring the safety, efficiency, and reliability of air traffic control systems and equipment. Services include servicing, maintenance, upgrades, and support for key Air Traffic systems and equipment.

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: £2,367,094

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34960000 - Airport equipment
- 34968000 - Airport Surveillance System and Lighting System
- 63731000 - Airport operation services
- 71311240 - Airport engineering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Highlands and Islands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Requirement is for Air Traffic Engineering and Maintenance Services.

Due to internal restructuring and lack of resources, it has become necessary to extend the provision of HIAL's current Air Traffic Engineering and Maintenance Services with the incumbent supplier for a further 2 years.

This notice serves as a record of the award of that extension without prior competition.

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:

The Contract was awarded under Regulation 48.1(d) for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the utility, the time limits for open procedure, restricted procedure or negotiated procedure with prior call for competition cannot be complied with.

A full open procedure was planned for this contract's replacement however the utility underwent a period of change resulting in the internal restricting and replacement of their Procurement Team. It is anticipated that the new Procurement Team will be fully resourced by mid-2025 and will then be in a position to commence options appraisals and pre-procurement activities for the replacement service provision.

Any change in Service Provider would require a period of transition following any procurement procedure. Due to the critical nature of this service and the time limits required for re-procurement and transition; the utility must extend the current service provision so that a fully planned procurement, and (potentially) Service Provider transition, can take place.

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/concession

Contract No

HIA-1213

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 March 2025

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

NATS (Services) Limited

Corporate Technical Centre, 4000 Parkway

Whiteley

PO15 7FL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,400,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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