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Contract

Data Consultancy Services

UK National Commission for UNESCO

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047e5e

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

UK National Commission for UNESCO

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LONDON

SW1A2EL

Email

info@unesco.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI32 - Westminster

Companies House

UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://unesco.org.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Data Consultancy Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72300000 - Data services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Consultant will be required to provide Data Consultancy services and outputs for the UK National Commission for UNESCO's and Department for Culture, Media and Sport's Climate Change & UNESCO Heritage pilot project. The pilot project is funded by HM Treasury's Shared Outcomes Fund. The consultant will help assess the current data landscape relating to climate change and natural and cultural heritage in the UK, and to advise on, develop and implement a suite of data and digital resources to support more effective and accessible data provision and use at local, regional and national levels.

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: £332,306

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Contract outputs:

The Consultant is required to complete the following outputs through the fulfilment of their role, including but not limited to:

an overarching data summary report

a comprehensive data catalogue for the project

an open, accessible, and reusable geographic information system (GIS) tool (map; visualisation; dashboard) for threat/management modelling in each pilot site

an interrogatable threats-based analysis tool / platform (live dashboard)

FAIR tools, artefacts and methodologies identified as part of project delivery

a sustainable digital platform/site to host project outputs and learning

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality (based on 4 experience / knowledge-based questions) / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Service to commence on 1st July 2024 and shall continue until 14th July 2025 unless and until terminated as provided by the terms of the contractual agreement

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 services within the contract were deemed by the contracting authority to require expert technical and background knowledge of underpinning research methodologies from a 2022 study covering the data needs of UNESCO designated sites in the UK and Canada.
- The contractor was considered to be uniquely placed with this knowledge within the wider data services market, as well as having specialist expertise and track record in delivering public data contracts.
- Regulation 33(1)(b)(ii) - competition is absent for technical reasons was therefore considered to lawfully apply.
- A direct appointment without prior publication of a call for a competitive commission was considered acceptable by senior management at the contracting authority and the decision was verified independently by an external project Steering Group.
- It was concluded that the level of specific expertise demanded meant better value for money in terms of quality and cost was unlikely to be met via a competitive approach.
- A negotiated procedure secured best value for money for the services by the contractor, including a 12% discount on its published public sector rates.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 June 2024

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

NIAXO Ltd

20-22 Wenlock Road

London

N1 7GU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

NIAXO Ltd

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: £400,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £332,306

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

N/A

N/A

Country

United Kingdom