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Contract

ID 4368396 DfE - Geothermal Demonstrator Project

Department for the Economy

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-038014

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for the Economy

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ID 4368396 DfE - Geothermal Demonstrator Project

Reference number

4368396

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38436410 - Thermal regulators for mechanical shakers with heating plates
- 45321000 - Thermal insulation work
- 44111520 - Thermal insulating material
- 45251140 - Thermal power plant construction work

- 09321000 - Hot water
- 09320000 - Steam, hot water and associated products
- 09310000 - Electricity
- 31682000 - Electricity supplies
- 65310000 - Electricity distribution
- 09330000 - Solar energy
- 09300000 - Electricity, heating, solar and nuclear energy
- 09332000 - Solar installation
- 09331100 - Solar collectors for heat production
- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 71314200 - Energy-management services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 65400000 - Other sources of energy supplies and distribution
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics
- 79340000 - Advertising and marketing services
- 79341000 - Advertising services
- 79341200 - Advertising management services
- 79342000 - Marketing services
- 79341400 - Advertising campaign services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

The Department for the Economy (DfE) sought a Contractor to manage a demonstrator project comprised of an overarching Communications and Marketing project and two feasibility studies, one for a shallow geothermal

system, on the Stormont Estate and one for a deep geothermal system at Greenmount in Co Antrim. The Contract commenced upon Contract award (February 2023) for 8 months with one option to extend for any period up to, and including, 3 months.

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

Duration in months

8

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.2) Administrative information**IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

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Title

Contract

V.2) Award of contract/concession

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

13 February 2023

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

Tetra Tech Consulting NI Ltd

1 Locksley Business Park, Montgomery Road

Belfast

Email

ireland@tetrattech.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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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: £2,700,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are. dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended). and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was. communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful. tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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- 79342000 - Marketing services
- 79341400 - Advertising campaign services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

The Department for the Economy (DfE) has a contract in place for the management of a demonstrator project comprising of an overarching Communications and Marketing project and two feasibility studies, one for a shallow geothermal system, on the Stormont Estate and one for a deep geothermal system at Greenmount in Co Antrim.

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

Duration in months

25

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£3,000,000

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

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Country

United Kingdom

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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):

DfE are seeking a modification of £300k and to extend the contract period for an additional 14 months. The drilling element of the project on the Stormont Estate is now considered development and as such requires planning approval. As a result of the need to apply for planning permission the contract cannot be completed within the original timescale. The extended timescale has resulted in more contract management costs for the contractor - Tetra Tech and their communications company.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

This is on the basis that the planning approval required for drilling was unforeseen by the Client at the time of tender and the Client only received advice following the award of the contract that the project should be treated as a major project for planning purposes which will cause a time delay and associated increased costs that could not have been foreseen. The contract end date of January 2024 is now unrealistic as the Client will only likely receive drilling approval in January 2024 which has caused a need to extend the contract to March 2025 to ensure enough time for the drilling to be undertaken. The contract changes proposed by the Client do not affect the overall nature of the contract and the proposed £300,000 contract variation does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract value.

This increase of time and value will be subject to the same Terms and Conditions as per the original contract.

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: £2,700,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000