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Future opportunity

Appointment of contractor for the design and delivery of earthworks for the Global Centre for Rail Excellence

GCRE LIMITED

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Subsidiary Company of the Welsh Government

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Railway technology testing facility

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Appointment of contractor for the design and delivery of earthworks for the Global Centre for Rail Excellence

Reference number

GCRE-E-01

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

GCRE Limited is looking to procure through an open procedure, pursuant to Regulation 27 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("PCR 2015"), a suitably-qualified earthworks contractor to design and deliver earthworks for the Global Centre for Rail Excellence on a two stage basis:

1. to develop the design of the earthworks so as to enable the contractor to provide a priced proposal for the contractor to complete the design and carry out the construction of the earthworks at Stage 2 to meet GCRE Limited's requirements (Stage 2 Proposal). During Stage 1, the contractor may also be instructed to design and carry out preliminary site activities such as vegetation stripping works.
2. following acceptance by GCRE Limited of the successful contractor's Stage 2 Proposal, the successful contractor will proceed to finalise the design of, and carry out, the construction of the earthworks in accordance with the Stage 2 Proposal.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £30,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45111100 - Demolition work
- 45111212 - Rock-removal work
- 45111213 - Site-clearance work
- 45111220 - Scrub-removal work
- 45111230 - Ground-stabilisation work
- 45111240 - Ground-drainage work
- 45111250 - Ground investigation work
- 45112200 - Soil-stripping work
- 45112210 - Topsoil-stripping work
- 45112320 - Land-reclamation work
- 45112330 - Site-reclamation work
- 45112360 - Land rehabilitation work
- 45112400 - Excavating work
- 45112500 - Earthmoving work
- 45112600 - Cut and fill
- 45112700 - Landscaping work
- 45113000 - Siteworks
- 45234114 - Railway embankment construction work
- 45520000 - Hire of earthmoving equipment with operator
- 71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works
- 71332000 - Geotechnical engineering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL2 - East Wales

Main site or place of performance

Nant Helen Surface Mine

Coelbren

Nr Neath

Powys

SA10 9NL

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

GCRE Limited is looking to procure suitably qualified earthworks contractor with experience of designing and carrying out large scale earthworks projects to facilitate the subsequent design and construction of the Global Centre for Rail Excellence (GCRE). GCRE is to be constructed at the site of the former Nant Helen opencast coal mine site along with ancillary earthworks at the Onllwyn Washery. The completed centre will have two rail testing loops, rail sidings, buildings and other infrastructure.

The earthworks which are subject to this procurement provide the foundation for that later infrastructure and are likely to comprise approximately 3 Million m³ of earth movement including (but not limited to) vegetation stripping, soil stripping, overburden excavation and placement to a design specification, associated selection of materials, overburden removal and placement in landscape balancing areas, soil spreading and final rehabilitation of landscaped profiles. The successful contractor is also required to provide temporary drainage during the construction phase together with the installation of permanent drainage during and on completion of construction on a two stage basis:

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2. following acceptance by GCRE Limited of the successful contractor's Stage 2 Proposal, the successful contractor will proceed to finalise the design of, and carry out, the construction of the earthworks in accordance with the Stage 2 Proposal.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

22 September 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes