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Contract

Farming Connect Advisory Service

Welsh Government

F20: Modification notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Farming Connect Advisory Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80500000 - Training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description**II.2.1) Title**

Farming Connect Advisory Service

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80500000 - Training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

The Knowledge Transfer, Innovation and Advisory Service under the Wales Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020 (Contract No: C015/2014-2015), known as Farming Connect (the programme) was developed following considerable consultation and engagement with the industry and internal stakeholders. Three lots were awarded in this framework:

Lot 1 - Knowledge Transfer Programme Targeting the Farming and Forestry Sector

Lot 2 - Lifelong Learning and Development Programme Targeting the Farming and Forestry Sector

Lot 3 - Advisory Services Targeting Farming, Forestry & Food Manufacturing SMEs (Farming Connect Advisory Service)

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

Duration in months

84

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

C015/2014/2015

Lot No

3

Title

Farming Connect Advisory Service

V.2) Award of contract/concession

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

17 July 2015

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

Menter a Busnes

Unit 3, The Science Park, The Science Park

Aberystwyth

SY233AH

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+44 1248668628

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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: £9,081,672

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(WA Ref:114130)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 80500000 - Training services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

This relates to the contract made with Menter A Busnes under Lot 3. An extension of value has been made to address the unforeseen impact of the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations and of Covid-19 on the delivery of this contract.

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

Duration in months

84

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£12,081,672

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

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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):

Value increase of GBP1,125,000 to Lot 3 contract. The extension in value was to accommodate the increased usage of the service as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic and new Water Regulations being brought in.

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:

Value increase of GBP1,125,000 to Lot 3 contract. The extension in value was to accommodate the increased usage of the service as a result of the sudden increase of the service brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic, and additional usage of the service following the introduction of the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations in January 2021.

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: £9,081,672

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £12,081,672