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Contract

Invitation to Tender for the Provision of UKSPF 1-2-1 Business Support

Herefordshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04517a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

DN719217

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Herefordshire Council was awarded £7.54m UK Shared Prosperity Funding. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF or the Fund) is a central pillar of the UK government's ambitious Levelling Up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK. It seizes the opportunities of leaving the European Union, by investing in domestic priorities and targeting funding where it is needed most: building pride in place, supporting high quality skills training, supporting pay, employment and productivity growth and increasing life chances. This funding is part of Intervention E24: Funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs, business support offers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-interventions-outputs-and-indicators/interventions-list-for-england>.

The council is looking to appoint up to 10 business advisors to deliver 1-2-1 business advice to support delivery of this intervention in Herefordshire.

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: £250,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG11 - Herefordshire, County of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 78

Quality criterion - Name: Social value / Weighting: 12

Price - Weighting: 10

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-011807](#)

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

24 July 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 10

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 10

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 10

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 10

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Aim Solutions Ltd., BIC Innovation Ltd., Herefordshire & Worcestershire Group Training Association Ltd., Impact Innovation & Growth Services Ltd., J&G Johnson Ltd. T/A Mountain Perspective, Schoolgate Accounting Services Ltd., V4 Services Ltd., YTKO Ltd., Minerva Elite Performance Ltd.

London, Anglesey, Hereford, Newport, Hereford, London, Gateshead, Middlesex, Hereford

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £250,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Herefordshire Council

Anglesey

Country

United Kingdom