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Contract

## **118\_21 – Weather Forecasting Services**

ESPO

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKF21 - Leicester

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.espo.org/>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Local Authority Services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

118\_21 – Weather Forecasting Services

Reference number

118\_21

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71351600 - Weather-forecasting services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The requirement is for the provision of a weather forecasting service which will primarily serve to assist with winter road maintenance. This involves the provision covering the road networks as maintained by EAC members as well as other eligible public sector bodies during the course of the framework.

ESPO has established a commercial trading company, ESPO Trading Limited, whose target clients are third sector organisations such as national and local charities, public sector mutual organisations and other organisations involved in the delivery of services to or for the public sector. The successful Supplier may be asked to enter into an additional separate framework agreement (the Second Framework) with ESPO Trading Limited on materially similar terms to that found in the tender pack to be entered into by ESPO itself.

Any Second Framework agreement will be a purely commercial agreement and will, for the avoidance of doubt, not be governed by the Public Contract Regulations 2015 or other public procurement legislation. ESPO Trading Limited may enter into the second framework agreement with the successful supplier and make it available to third sector clients who themselves are not required to follow the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or other public procurement legislation. Accordingly, this is provided for bidders' information only.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Weather Forecasting Services for the East Anglian Consortium (EAC)

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71351600 - Weather-forecasting services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Lot 1 - Tenders are invited for the provision of a weather forecasting service for winter road maintenance purposes for the EAC (East Anglian Consortium). The successful tenderer will be required to provide the specified services to the EAC for the period of the contract awarded. All EAC members will require a number of common services - 'Standard Winter Service', 'Site Specific Services' and 'Training Services'. Additionally, EAC members may opt to take additional services - identified as 'Optional Summer Forecast Services'.

Lot Scope: Lot 1 shall be open for use by members of the Client (EAC) only. This Lot will cover a number of common services including 'Standard Winter Service', 'Site Specific Services' and 'Training Services'. Additionally, EAC members may also opt to take further services, which are identified as 'Optional Summer Forecast Services'.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 65

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 12 months. The total estimated value stated in Section II.1.7 includes the option period.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Provision of weather forecasting services to all eligible public bodies throughout the UK

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71351600 - Weather-forecasting services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Lot 2 - Tenders are invited for the provision of a weather forecasting service for winter road maintenance purposes for national usage. The successful tenderers will be required to provide the specified services on a national basis for the period of the contract awarded.

Customers will require a number of common services - 'Standard Winter Service', 'Site Specific Services' and 'Training Services' and may opt to take additional services such as 'Optional Summer Forecast Services'.

Lot Scope - The high profile of procurement within local government and the national drive to aggregate and collaborate means that there is a large potential group of Customers who may choose to access this Lot of the Framework.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 65

Quality criterion - Name: Special value / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 12 months. The total estimated value stated in Section II.1.7 includes the option period.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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: [2021/S 000-018639](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Weather Forecasting Services for the East Anglian Consortium (EAC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

28 September 2021

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

MeteoGroup UK Limited

46 Chancery Lane

London

WC2A 1JE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000



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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Provision of weather forecasting services to all eligible public bodies throughout the UK

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

28 September 2021

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### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

MetDesk Limited

The Wellhead Hale Road

Wendover

HP22 6NJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,000,000

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

As a Central Purchasing Body as defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Framework Agreement is open for use by Public Bodies (defined at <https://www.espo.org/amfile/file/download/file/9608/>) that also fall into one of the following classifications of user throughout all administrative regions of the UK: Local Authorities; Educational Establishments (including Academies); Central Government Departments and Agencies; Police, Fire & Rescue and Coastguard Emergency Services; NHS and HSC Bodies, including Ambulance Services; Registered Charities; Registered Social Landlords; The Corporate Office of the House of Lords, The Corporate Officer of the House of Commons; or any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament. Details of the classification of end user establishments and geographical areas are available at: <https://www.espo.org/legal>

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The Royal Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Information on deadlines(s) for review procedures can be found in Part 3, Chapter 6 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.