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Contract

No Dig Leak Repair Technology

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03a6da

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

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Contact

Thames Water

Email

procurement.support.centre@thameswater.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

Companies House

02366661

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement

I.6) Main activity

Water

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

No Dig Leak Repair Technology

Reference number

TC1974

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 76600000 - Pipeline-inspection services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Thames Water, in partnership with the other UK water companies, are looking to develop an innovative 'no dig leak repair' technology to fix leaks on water mains without the need to dig a hole. Thames Water endeavour to engage an interested delivery partner(s) to develop their initial idea for submission to the Ofwat Innovation Fund. Contingent on the outcome of this project is the potential wider adoption of the technology in the UK water sector.

Solving this problem will present the successful organisation with an opportunity solve a problem costing the UK and international water companies millions of pounds each year as well the cost, disruption and environmental impact of road works.

The solution is expected to be an in-pipe device capable of live insertion and retrieval via standard fittings on drinking water networks, e.g. hydrants. The device would need to travel a distance through the water main, locate and characterise the failure, and effect a local repair - without the need to interrupt the supply.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland
- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Whole of UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Given this is new technology, the solution is likely to require input across a number of competencies (engineering, robotics, science/academia), and it may benefit from a consortium. Thus the sourcing path allows for a Prime contractor to manage the consortium up through the 2nd phase of development (the build and test of the prototype). Anticipating the successful milestone completion of a proven prototype under Phase 2, Phase 3 will be to implement the best solution on the Thames Water network.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial term of three (3) years with an option to extend up to a maximum term of eight (8) years.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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

7 July 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Jacobs UK Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

0259450

The contractor is an SME

No

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Synthotech Limited

Harrogate

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE2 - North Yorkshire

Companies House

3229262

The contractor is an SME

Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

*** Please note - this is a Contract Award Notice ***

All suppliers who wish to respond to this notice must request a pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) by using the web link in Section I.3

(www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement).

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Thames Water Utilities Limited

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<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Thames Water Utilities Limited will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (SI 2016 No 274) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).