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Parliamentary Agents for HS2 Phase 2a (West Midlands to Crewe)

Department for Transport

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Transport

33 Horseferry Road

London

SW1P 4DR

Email

GCDCRM Rail@dft.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.dft.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Parliamentary Agents for HS2 Phase 2a (West Midlands to Crewe)

Reference number

TROO0283

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of Parliamentary Agents to advise on the implementation of the High-Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021 and the delivery of HS2 Phase 2a.

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: £210,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Parliamentary Agents to advise on the implementation of the High-Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021 and the delivery of HS2 Phase 2a.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

10 month contract with a built in 2 months +2 months option to extend

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Department is reliant on the advice and expertise of Parliamentary Agents to ensure the necessary post Royal Assent commitments and processes in relation to an Act are satisfied. The incumbent service provider has critical knowledge and specialist expertise to continue to provide the advice for the remaining stages of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021 . Without the support from Parliamentary Agents, the Department and/or HS2 Ltd would have insufficient legal expertise to advise on the Phase 2a Act to ensure that the post Royal Assent stages are carried out in an effective and timely manner. The appointment of a new supplier at this stage would delay the Act given the incumbent provider already has detailed knowledge of the Act and there are no reasonable alternatives in the timescales necessary. The Department is also consulting with colleagues on how to procure a new contract to cover Parliamentary Agent services for HS2 Phase 1 & 2a whilst Phase 2a is progressed.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 September 2021

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/concessionaire

Winckworth Sherwood LLP

Minerva House, 5 Montague Close

SE1 9BB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £210,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand, London, WC2A 2LL

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom