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Award

Graduate Scheme as a Service

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Graduate Scheme as a Service

Reference number

712177450

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80531200 - Technical training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Graduate Scheme as a Service. Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in Find a Tender.

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: £2,142,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Defence Nuclear Organisation is to sponsor one cohort of 17 graduates for 2 years through the Energus Nuclear Graduate Scheme (ENG). Energus is a not-for-profit subsidiary of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. This scheme provides graduates on placement into Defence across a range of both technical and non-technical disciplines for a period of 2 years including placements within both Defence and the Defence supply chain.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to competitive dialogue
- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development

Explanation:

Energus is a not-for-profit wholly owned subsidiary of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and the default external graduate scheme provider for the majority of the NSDG partners in the nuclear sector. DNO's requirement for this cohort is 10.96% of Energus' in-year provision. No other organisation is known to supply sector wide nuclear graduates. It is also the only known provider that offers the model the NSDG needs to bring in the required experience in the Nuclear Sector. The NSST (which is the new delivery arm of NSDG) will be reviewing future requirements for Graduate schemes for the sector and developing the appropriate commercial strategy in due course.

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

Contract No

712177450

Title

Energus Graduate Scheme

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 August 2024

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

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

14957669

Internet address

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,142,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Secretary of State for Defence (“MOD”) intends to award a [2] year contract to Energus for the provision of graduates on placement into Defence across a range of both technical and non-technical disciplines, each for a period of 2 years including placements within both Defence and the Defence supply chain. The value of the contract is stated above. MOD considers that this contract falls outside the scope of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 and/or the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 by virtue of the Hamburg exemption and Regulation 12(7) PCR, respectively. In the event that is deemed that the Regulations apply, MOD considers that in accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319), this procurement would fall to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent both for technical reasons.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Nuclear People and Skills Capability and Talent

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom