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Contract

Provision of OSCE Election Observation Monitors

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of OSCE Election Observation Monitors

Reference number

CPG/6301/2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the “contracting authority” issues this Contract Award Notice as it has established a single-supplier Framework Agreement with Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) for the provision of Election Observation Monitors to Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Election Observation Missions, under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCRs).

The UK is a strong supporter of the OSCE Election Observation Missions (EOMs) carried out by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). The contribution of UK observers to EOMs demonstrates the UK's support for the work of ODIHR to promote democratic principles and institutions in the OSCE region.

The contracting authority has established a Framework Agreement with WFD to recruit and manage UK observers to ODIHR EOMs. WFD will:

1. Select, recruit, train and manage, on behalf of the contracting authority, UK observers to the OSCE's ODIHR EOMs in OSCE participating States.
2. Ensure observers are fully trained and aware of their responsibilities as independent observers.
3. Undertake all logistical arrangements to deploy the observers, including visas, travel, insurance, and accommodation.

The estimated spend of this framework agreement is approximately £3,000,000 over 3 years.

There will be no form of exclusivity or volume that is guaranteed under the resultant Framework Agreement and the contracting authority will be entitled to enter into other contracts and arrangements with other suppliers for the provision of any, or all, of the requirements which are the same as, or similar to those specified under the established Framework Agreement.

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: £3,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

OSCE Participating States (<https://www.osce.org/participating-states>)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please note that this is an award notice and the opportunity is now closed.

In accordance with the PCRs, the contracting authority has undertaken a compliant tender exercise via a Restricted (two-stage) procedure to establish a single-supplier Framework Agreement with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) to supply UK election observers to OSCE/ODIHR election observation missions. This tender exercise was evaluated on a Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) basis with a mix of technical and commercial evaluation criteria. WFD achieved the highest score overall and therefore are the successful bidder.

The contracting authority observed the obligatory standstill period in line with the ITT documentation and the PCRs. Following expiry of the standstill period, the contracting authority has now formally entered into a Framework Agreement with WFD.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70%

Quality criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 30%

Price - Weighting: 30%

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

Restricted 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

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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

27 October 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Westminster Foundation for Democracy

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The contracting authority incorporated a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the Framework Agreement was communicated to tenderers. This period allowed unsuccessful tenderers to challenge this decision before the Framework Agreement was signed (as appropriate). The standstill period expired midnight of 11th October 2021, no challenges were received. If an appeal regarding the award of the Framework Agreement has not been successfully resolved, The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or who are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).