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Contract

Design Build Operate Contract for FASTER Project NI

University of Ulster

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

National registration number

NIC100166

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ulster.ac.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Design Build Operate Contract for FASTER Project NI

Reference number

project_27676

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45230000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines, for highways, roads, airfields and railways; flatwork

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

Design Build Operate for FASTER Project NI

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: £515,264.34

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Design Build and Operate EV Chargers at or near sites across Northern Ireland. Sites outlined in Procurement Documents.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The FASTER Project is a joint cross border project across Scotland, the border Counties of Ireland and Northern Ireland to support the overarching ambition to transition to low carbon transport systems and to demonstrate how each of the three jurisdictions can provide early systems learning in relation to the electrification of transport.

The FASTER Project aims to ensure that the availability of public charging stations is not a major obstacle to Electric Vehicle (EV) market penetration.

Further information about the FASTER Project can be found at www.fasterevcharge.com

The FASTER Project has been awarded funding for the Project's costs from the European Union's INTERREG VA Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

The partnership will implement the physical rollout of 73 rapid charging stations in the programme area. The Project aims to ensure that the availability of charging stations is not a major obstacle to Electric Vehicle (EV) market penetration with the proposal to carry out the design, analysis, procurement, installation, and operation of 73 Rapid Chargers across the three programme jurisdictions. There must be cross compatibility between the three jurisdictions which may be achieved using contactless card payments or other methods.

The FASTER Project is led by East Border Region Ltd. There are a total of seven project partners and 13 associate partners from across the three jurisdictions.

The following Project Partners will be directly involved in the planning and delivery of the overall Project:

1. East Border Region Ltd (EBR) (Lead partner)
2. Louth County Council (Procurement lead in R.O.I)
3. Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT)
4. Ulster University (Procurement lead in N.I.)
5. South West College

6. Highlands & Islands Transport Partnership (HiTRANS) (Procurement lead in Western Scotland)

7. University of Strathclyde

Other Associate Partners essential to the delivery of the overall project are:

1. Monaghan County Council

2. Cavan County Council

3. Leitrim County Council

4. Sligo County Council

5. Donegal County Council

6. Meath County Council

7. Sustainable Authority of Ireland (SEAI)

8. IT Sligo

10. Ards and North Down Borough Council

11. Newry Mourne and Down District Council

13. Fermanagh and Omagh Council

14. Derry and Strabane Council

15. Belfast City Council

16. Mid Ulster District Council

The University, as the Client for the design and build phase of the Project, is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Economic Operator to design, construct and install up to 24, 50 kW rapid chargers (or equivalent output) (Singles or Doubles) for public use before handing over to the Councils, as the Clients on the operational phase. Ulster University is the Client for the Design and Build component of the FASTER (Facilitating a Sustainable Transition to EV's in the Region) Project. At Works Completion, each Local Council will then assume the role of the Client for the EV Charge points within their own jurisdiction. The programme for the charger installation must be agreed with the Client. Once the Economic Operator has started on an agreed series of installations these must

be completed prior to the next series beginning. A Sub-meter must be installed at each site and the sites left commissioned and fully functional before moving to the next series of installations. The operational phase must also be agreed with the Client (Councils).

Twenty Four (24) site locations have been identified by a vigorous methodology. All sites have sufficient electrical capacity for a behind the meter connection (confirmed by Northern Ireland Electricity Networks (NIEN)). In this Competition the University is seeking to appoint on behalf of itself and the Clients a suitably qualified and experienced Design Build Operate Economic Operator for the complete design, construction and operation of up to 24 EV Chargers on separate sub-meters at locations across NI.

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: Yes

Identification of the project

Faster Project: A project supported by the European Union's INTERREG VA Programme, managed by the special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

23 August 2023

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

Carcharger EV Limited

1 McElwain Terrace

Newbridge

W12V434

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £515,264.34

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The University incorporated a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period at the point information on award of the contract was communicated to all tenderers. The standstill period provided time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 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 (Northern Ireland).