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Contract

## **Audit of the Data Communications Company (DCC)**

Ofgem

Smart Energy Code Company (SECCo)

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ofgem

10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf

London

E14 4PU

#### **Email**

[procurement2@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:procurement2@ofgem.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 2079017000

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKI - London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10021](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10021)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Smart Energy Code Company (SECCo)

London

EC3V 0AS

**Email**

[secas@gemserv.com](mailto:secas@gemserv.com)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKI - London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law

Smart Energy Code Company (SECCo)

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Audit of the Data Communications Company (DCC)

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79212000 - Auditing services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Data Communications Company (DCC) is the central communications body licensed to provide the

communications, data transfer and management required to support smart metering. DCC was

appointed by using an outsourced service model, to manage contracted smart metering service

providers. As such, external costs compose the largest proportion of DCC's costs, and it is critical that

these contracts are entered into, managed and closed out effectively and efficiently. Each year, the

Authority scrutinises DCC's incurred and forecast costs through the annual Price Control process to

determine whether these costs are economic and efficient. Alongside the cost assessment, DCC also

faces financial incentives under the Operational Performance Regime (OPR)

#### **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: £360,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212200 - Internal audit services
- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

London

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Data Communications Company (DCC) is the central communications body licensed to provide the communications, data transfer and management required to support smart metering. DCC was appointed by using an outsourced service model, to manage contracted smart metering service providers. As such, external costs compose the largest proportion of DCC's costs, and it is critical that these contracts are entered into, managed and closed out effectively and efficiently. Each year, Ofgem scrutinises DCC's incurred and forecast costs through the annual Price Control process to determine whether these costs are economic and efficient. Alongside the cost assessment, DCC also

faces financial incentives under the Operational Performance Regime (OPR)

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / 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

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## **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**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-038223](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

2024-082

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

15 May 2025

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP (PwC)

1 Embankment Place

London

WC2N 6RH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £360,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

(MT Ref:234615)

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Public Procurement Review Service

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London

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>