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Contract

User Acceptance and Accuracy Testing for Electronic Clock Auction System

OFCOM

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKI - London

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

UK Independent Communications Regulator

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

User Acceptance and Accuracy Testing for Electronic Clock Auction System

Reference number

C20231719

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72226000 - System software acceptance testing consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Ofcom has a requirement for testing of an electronic auction system (EAS) designed to run an auction for the award licences of mmWave spectrum in the UK in the 26 GHz and 40 GHz bands. The specific service required is user acceptance testing of the user interfaces and establishing that the EAS accurately implements the auction rules. For simplicity, we refer to this testing as “EAS testing”. These requirements will also cover the possibility of an additional clock auction that will follow the 26 GHz/40 GHz auction, which would be triggered at Ofcom’s sole discretion, using the same EAS configured for the subsequent auction.

As a minimum, the service must deliver the following:

- User acceptance and functional testing on auctioneer, bidder, and monitor interfaces in line with the detailed software spec
- Testing on the accuracy of implementation on the proposed auction rules, initially in line

with published illustrative auction procedures, and ultimately to reflect formal Auction Regulations.

The EAS will be a web-based application for both Ofcom and bidders. It is envisaged that the successful tenderer will carry out the testing by accessing the EAS over the internet from its own premises.

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: £176,565

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79342400 - Auction services
- 79342410 - Electronic auction services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will include options to extend the contract period for up to two additional periods of 12 months each, up to a maximum contract period of four years.

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

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

Contract No

ecm_1079

Title

Provision of User Acceptance and Accuracy Testing for Electronic Clock Auction System

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Smith Institute

Camberley

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £176,565

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Court of Appeal of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Court of Appeal of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom