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Receipt and Treatment of Food Waste

Bedford Borough Council

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKH24 - Bedford

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Receipt and Treatment of Food Waste

Reference number

BBC EN 03654

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90500000 - Refuse and waste related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Council has a statutory duty to collect and arrange for the receipt and disposal of household waste and other waste arising within Bedford Borough. This includes domestic waste collected direct from householders at the kerbside and waste taken to its Household Waste Recycling Centre.

This contract is for the receipt and treatment of all Contract Waste (Food Waste).

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: £645,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90500000 - Refuse and waste related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To comply with the requirements of the Environment Act 2021 the council will introduce a weekly Food Waste collection service for households across the borough, and it also intends to offer a separate Food Waste collection service to the Council's commercial waste customers.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

A below threshold tender exercise was undertaken for this requirement as, following some market engagement earlier in the year, the service area anticipated that the annual cost for this service would be lower. We can confirm that this was published to contracts finder so suppliers within this industry would have had visibility.

Biogen were the only supplier that were able to meet our requirements, however their bid was above threshold rendering the tender invalid.

The Council have approached the market to understand why other suppliers were unable to bid and we now understand that Biogen are the only supplier that can fulfil our particular needs for our area.

There is a real pressure now on all councils to secure treatment capacity to meet the government deadlines to roll out these, now mandatory, food collection schemes ahead of the March 2026 deadline. To retender this as an above threshold tender would put the Council at risk of not securing this service and we do not believe we would receive any further bids in any case.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 September 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

Biogen (UK) Ltd

Milton Parc, Milton Ernest

Bedfordshire

MK44 1YU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH - East of England

Companies House

05616520

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £645,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom