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Contract

Agriculture, Land-use, Climate and Nature Evidence Programme

Welsh Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKL - Wales

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Main address

<https://gov.wales/?lang=en>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Agriculture, Land-use, Climate and Nature Evidence Programme

Reference number

C208/2021/2022

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Welsh Government wishes to commission an evidence programme to provide ongoing support to policy and operational teams within Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales (NRW). The programme will broadly cover the interrelated areas of agriculture, land-use, climate and nature. The successful bidder, most likely a consortium, will provide ongoing evidence, including that of a business-critical nature, through three interrelated work packages:

- Monitoring - undertake a National Field Survey (NFS) <https://erammp.wales/en/nfs>
- Modelling - provide ongoing integrated land-use modelling using the Integrated Modelling Platform (IMP) <https://erammp.wales/en/imp>
- Evidence - deliver ongoing analytical support

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: £15,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction
- 90711300 - Environmental indicators analysis other than for construction
- 90714000 - Environmental auditing
- 90714100 - Environmental information systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Welsh Government expects the programme to:

- Undertake a National Field Survey (NFS) enabling the monitoring and evaluation of policies in the areas of agriculture, land-use, climate and nature, including, but not exclusively, Glastir; transition schemes; the Sustainable Farming Schemes; the Nature Network Programme.
- Undertake appropriate analytics of NFS data and other sources to satisfy reporting requirements in the areas of agriculture, land-use, climate and nature, including, but not exclusively, National Trends; Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 indicators; the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 State of Natural Resources Reporting (SoNaRR); Rural Development Plan replacement reporting; other emerging international and domestic reporting requirements.

- Be adaptive and responsive in delivering evidence needs to support policy across the areas of agriculture, land-use, climate and nature, including, but not exclusively, ongoing modelling capability using the Integrated Modelling Platform and other modelling tools; undertake tactical analysis and evidence reviews and provide direct expert scientific support.

To deliver this it is required that the lead supplier will bring together a wide range of skills, expertise, and organisations; will be adaptive and responsive; will identify and embrace new technology; will maximise the opportunities for using and sharing the data collected; will seek to deliver maximum community benefits and aspire to deliver an exemplar evidence programme.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The budget for the 2 year initial contract term is between GBP 2,600,000.00 – 3,000,000.00. The potential total contract budget for the max. 8 years of the optional extension periods is between GBP 10,400,000.00 – 12,000,000.00. The budget stated in II.1.7 is the max. budget for up to 10 years.

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

C208/2021/2022

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Wallingford

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Country

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NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £15,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £15,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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