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Awarded contract

DoF - Collaborative Arrangement for the Supply of Natural Gas 2023 - 2026 (ID 4104459)

Department of Finance

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DoF - Collaborative Arrangement for the Supply of Natural Gas 2023 - 2026 (ID 4104459)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 09121000 - Coal gas, mains gas or similar gases

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This contract will be for the supply of Natural Gas for a term of 3 years. The anticipated commencement date shall be 1st April 2023 and expire on 31st March 2026. The Contract will be used by the Clients listed in Table 1 below. Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) DAERA - Loughs Agency DAERA – Agri- food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) Department of Education (DE) DE –Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) DE - Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) Department for Communities (DfC) DfC - Sport NI DfC – Ulster Supported Employment Ltd (USEL) DfC- Libraries NI DfC – National Museums Northern Ireland (NMNI) DfC - Foras Na Gaeilge DfC - Arts Council NI DfC – Public Records Office NI (PRONI) DfC - Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) DfC – Northern Ireland Local Government Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC) Department for Economy (DfE) DfE - Labour Relations Agency DfE – Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland (HSENI) DfE – Bedford Street development Limited (BSDL) DfE - MDRE (Invest NI) DfE – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC) DfE – Northern Regional College (NRC) DfE – North Western Regional College (NWRC) DfE – Southern Regional College (SRC) DfE – Stranmillis Department of Infrastructure (DfI) DfI – Roads and Rivers DfI – Driver Vehicle Agency (DVA) Department of Finance (DoF) DoF – Properties Division (PD) DoH - Department of health Department of Justice (DoJ) DoJ – Northern Ireland Prison Service (NIPS) DoJ – NI policing board (NIPB) DoJ – Police Ombudsman Northern Ireland (PONI) DoJ – Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service (NICTS) DoJ - Youth Justice Agency DoJ – Probation Board Northern Ireland (PBNI) DoJ - Forensic Science NI (FSNI) DoJ - Prisoner Ombudsman The Executive Office (TEO) TEO - Commissioner for Public Appointments for NI TEO - Equality Commission NI Assembly NI Audit Office PPS (Public Prosecution Service) NI Water Police Service Northern Ireland (PSNI) Translink NI St Mary's University College (SMUCB) Queens University Belfast (QUB) Food Standards Agency NI (FSA NI) Ministry of Defence (MOD)

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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: £420,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09121200 - Mains gas
- 09123000 - Natural gas

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a demand lead contract.

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: [2022/S 000-024860](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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: 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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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £212,400,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £420,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Contract monitoring: the successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in Construction and Procurement Delivery CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a certificate of unsatisfactory performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a certificate of unsatisfactory performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by centres of procurement expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of 12 months from the date of issue of the certificate.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for review/appeal or mediation procedures

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and, where appropriate, incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.