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Contract

CBC-1378-T-TS Transport Modelling - Modification

Central Bedfordshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049c8f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Central Bedfordshire Council

Monks Walk, Chicksands

SHEFFORD

SG175TQ

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.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

CBC-1378-T-TS Transport Modelling - Modification

Reference number

CBC-1378-T-TS

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a modification notice to a previous contract award notice. The previous notice is reference 2023/S 000-008263, published 22 March 2023.

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/463e3b64-aad5-4366-adb0-04fb76958109>

We believe Regulation 72 (1) (b) applies.

The previous award value was £277,062. We are increasing this by 50% to £415,593.

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: £415,593

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Transport Modelling Services

The commission is to update the CBLTM (Central Bedfordshire and Luton Transport Model) to enable it to be fit for purpose to support CBC in reviewing the new Local Plan, and to support the assessment of transport implications of major development in our authority area.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Reason for variation:

The cost of the model update phase (1a) of the contract has increased from £102k to

£217k. This is due to additional data requirements to rebuild the model. The additional data was necessary to update the model as accurately as possible to meet Department for Transport guidance. The data collection was procured through the contract and included data with high fixed costs, such as Mobile Network Data, which is provided by a third party.

Legal justification for modification:

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 allow CBC to vary the value of a contract by up to 50%. Regulation 72 (1)(b) states that:

"for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement, where a change of contractor-

(i) cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, services or installations procured under the initial procurement, or

(ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority,

provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract "

With regards to Regulation 72 (1)(b)(i), a change of contractor at this stage would not be feasible to operate the model on CBC's behalf, as the update of the model under the initial procurement used various sources of data, some of which was subject to separate non-disclosure or licensing agreements that both CBC and AECOM Ltd are party to, including agreements for provision of Mobile Network Data and 'LENNON' rail ticketing data.

Under 72 (1)(b)(ii), aside from the fact that another supplier could not operate the model at this stage due to the licensing arrangements explained above, the impact of another consultancy taking over this work would be significant, in that it is unlikely that they would 'accept' the model as their own work without time consuming review (and therefore cost to CBC).

The model specification has also been approved by National Highways and any change to supplier/ approach would mean that this process would have to be revisited, a time-consuming process and a cost that that may be unacceptable to National Highways given this work has already been completed. This may also mean that that the model would not be available for the early stages of the assessment of the new Local Plan.

Transport modelling is an integral part of the evidence base for a Local Plan and a delay in being able to progress this would be a significant risk to CBC.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is a modification to a previous award notice, under Regulation 72(1) (b).

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 March 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

AECOM

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

01846493

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: £415,593

Total value of the contract/lot: £415,593

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Central Bedfordshire Council

Shefford

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