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Contract

Development, Delivery and Support of Electronic Auction System (EAS)

OFCOM

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Development, Delivery and Support of Electronic Auction System (EAS)

Reference number

C20231650

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212470 - Auction software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This ITT sets out our requirements for the development, delivery and support in the operation of an online auction software system, “Electronic Auction System” (EAS), for our upcoming award of the 26 GHz and 40 GHz bands. 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.

As a minimum, the service must deliver the following:

- Develop, internally test, and provide operational support for the auction software system
- Develop and provide access to a training version of the auction software system for prospective bidders
- Assure compliance of the software against the Auction Regulations

By way of background, Ofcom plans to hold a spectrum auction by FY Q1 2024/2025 to award licences for spectrum, including 2.4 GHz in the 26 GHz frequency band, and 3 GHz in the 40 GHz band.

On 13 March, Ofcom published a consultation setting out proposals for the award, which proposed a clock auction design. The proposed rules for this design are set out in the illustrative auction procedures, published at annex 9 of the award consultation. Ofcom's reasoning for these design proposals are set out in section 9 of the consultation.

We require the successful tenderer to develop the EAS in accordance with the illustrative auction procedures. These illustrative auction procedures may be amended as we finalise our auction policy through the consultation process. The system should therefore be designed flexibly to allow for quick and efficient configuration changes. The software should also be designed with ease of use for both auctioneers and bidders in mind.

The illustrative auction procedures will ultimately be written into the Auction Regulations, and the successful tenderer will need to assure compliance of the software against the final Auction Regulations. This will involve amending the EAS as necessary to incorporate any differences between the illustrative auction procedures and the final Regulations.

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: £413,525

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_1044

Title

Electronic Auction System Development Agreement

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 June 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

Innovative Auctions GMBH

Kiel

Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DEF02 - Kiel, Kreisfreie Stadt

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £413,525

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