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Contract

ESPH SB Landscape Evidence Base Studies (ESPH444 LM)

Wealden District Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-030457

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02ab5b

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Wealden District Council

Council Offices, Vicarage Lane

Hailsham

BN27 2AX

Email

esph@wealden.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.wealden.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.sesharedservices.org.uk/esourcing>

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

ESPH SB Landscape Evidence Base Studies (ESPH444 LM)

Reference number

WDC - 032573

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90710000 - Environmental management

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Wealden District Council (the Council) is seeking to appoint a suitably experienced and qualified landscape consultancy to undertake a number of landscape evidence base studies to inform the new Local Plan, including to assist in decisions on the allocation of specific areas and/or sites for development. This assessment work shall also inform the Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan; Development Management decisions on planning applications and assist in the production of Neighbourhood Plans. The work to

be undertaken is in the form of 5 inter-related projects:• 1: An up-to-date Landscape Character Assessment; • 2: A Landscape Sensitivity Assessment for Residential and Employment Development;• 3: A Landscape and Visual Assessment of Areas for new settlements and large urban extensions;• 4: A Landscape Sensitivity Assessment for Wind Turbine and Solar PV Development. • 5: A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment of proposed allocation sites within the High Weald AONB.

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: £200,585.67

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services
- 90711000 - Environmental impact assessment other than for construction
- 90712000 - Environmental planning

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).The Council seeking to adopt this Local Plan by the end of 2023 in line with the Government's timetable for all local authorities to have an up-to-date adopted Local Plan. The new Local Plan is to be a single plan, containing both strategic and non-strategic policies, so requires planning policies on landscape and renewable energy, as well as information to inform area / site allocations and provide the basis for further site specific assessments. The Council has a strong landscape evidence base, however it will be necessary to review and update this to support the production of the new Local Plan.Full information is available in the document pack from the South East Shared Services Portal.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Criteria / 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

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

ESPH444

Title

Landscape Evidence Based Studies

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 July 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Land Use Consultants

250 Waterloo Road

London

SE1 8RD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI6 - Outer London – South

National registration number

2549296

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: £250,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,585.67

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Wealden District Council will observe a standstill period following the award of the contract and conduct itself in respect of any appeals in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended)