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Contract

## **Purchasing, Distribution and Administration of Solid Fuel Benefits**

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

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Salford

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-energy-security-and-net-zero>

**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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Purchasing, Distribution and Administration of Solid Fuel Benefits

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71314000 - Energy and related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This contract is for the provision of solid fuel services.

#### **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: £17,780,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 09111200 - Coal-based fuels

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Following the privatisation of British Coal Corporation (BCC) in 1994, the Government assumed the liability for the provision of the concessionary fuel entitlements to former employees of BCC and their adult dependents. These former employees of BCC were those already retired or made redundant at the point of privatisation. Concessionary fuel

entitlements began in the 1980s and are governed by the

National Concessionary Fuel Agreements (NCFA). These take the form of collective agreements and were put in place between the BCC and the mining unions. These agreements were amended from time to time until the industry privatised; and the obligation was transferred to HMG. This was achieved by means of a Restructuring Scheme made on 27th March 1995, made under sections 12 and 19 of the

Coal Industry Act 1994.

On this basis, the Secretary of State has a legally binding obligation to provide solid fuel or cash in lieu to former BCC employees as the collective agreements specify. This cohort is managed by DESNZ through a scheme known as the National Concessionary Fuel Scheme (NCFS). There are two NCFS Agreements for different employment groups:

- the National Concessionary Fuel Agreement (NCFA) for Mineworkers, Officials and Clerical Staff and;
- the British Association of Colliery Management (BACM) for management staff.

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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

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## **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: [2023/S 000-030807](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Title**

Purchasing, Distribution and Administration of Solid Fuel Benefits

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

19 September 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Homefire Group Limited

Westthorpe Fields Road, Killamarsh,

Sheffield

S21 1TZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £17,780,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

London

Country

United Kingdom