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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

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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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

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

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

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

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