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Contract

LEAF Coalition Targeted Technical Assistance Facility

Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03acf2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

London

SW1A 2EG

Email

internationalclimateandenergy.procurement@energysecurity.gov.uk

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.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

LEAF Coalition Targeted Technical Assistance Facility

Reference number

GB-GOV-13-ICF-0042-LEAF / prj_1353

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Energy Security has procured a service provider to design and deliver a bespoke technical assistance programme to support countries participating in the LEAF Coalition. The aim of the Lowering Emissions by Accelerating

Access to Forest Finance (LEAF) Coalition is to provide finance for tropical and subtropical forest conservation through carbon markets.

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: £4,166,700

II.2) Description**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Lowering Emissions by Accelerating Forest Finance (LEAF) Coalition is a voluntary global coalition bringing together the private sector and governments to provide finance for tropical and subtropical forest conservation through carbon markets. The UK Government played a key role launching the LEAF Coalition in April 2021, alongside the US and Norwegian governments. At the World Leaders Summit at COP 26 the LEAF Coalition announced it met its initial goal of mobilising \$1 billion USD for countries and states committed to increasing ambition to protect tropical and sub-tropical forests and reduce deforestation. At COP27 it announced that a further \$500m has been mobilised, with 100% coming from private companies. Funding will be delivered to jurisdictions that successfully reduce emissions from deforestation and degradation. This will be done through payments for verified emission reductions - payments which are made only after reductions in deforestation have been independently confirmed.

Due to the complexity and number of different requirements needed to transact carbon credits under the LEAF programme, the UK hopes to design a bespoke technical assistance (TA) programme to support countries that are close to signing emissions reductions payment agreements (ERPAs). And those where strategic projects and technical support could unblock national approval for subnational participation in LEAF. The LEAF TA programme would be demand led by forest country governments (with direct input from the Authority and Embassy colleagues) to find out what their specific needs and support requirements are. This would enable them to engage/sign up to the LEAF coalition more quickly and comfortably. The overall aim of the programme is to help them sign their ERPAs, generate the credits and ultimately received results-based payments.

This Contract is for a TA delivery partner to lead on the design and implementation of this programme of support, working closely with the Authority and UK embassies.

The Agreement is for £5,000,000 and for 2 years (the Initial Term). If agreed by both parties, the Contract may be extended beyond the Initial Term by up to 24 months and up to an additional £3,000,000. This was published in the tender documentation.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents.

The Tender was issued under BEIS as the Contracting Authority, but as a result of the 2023 Machinery of Government change, the awarding Authority is the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero, as detailed in the tender documents.

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 000-005886](#)

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

prj_1353

Title

The LEAF Coalition Targeted Technical Assistance Facility

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 October 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ricardo-AEA Ltd

Shoreham Technical Centre, Old Shoreham Road, BN43 5FG

Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex

BN43 5FG

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: £4,166,700

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 40 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Of the unknown elements, subcontracting will likely occur, as detailed in the Specification and in the tender response.

Processes to manage this are detailed in these documents and SME and VCSEs are likely to make up some of these elements because of the nature of the work (are in fact encouraged). Details of this split of this are unknown at this stage.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

DESNZ - Integrated Corporate Services (ICS)

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London

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United Kingdom