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Planning

Soft Market Test: Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for Quorn Solar Farm

Leicestershire County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Soft Market Test: Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for Quorn Solar Farm

Reference number

DN641615

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 65310000 - Electricity distribution

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Leicestershire County Council intends to construct a solar farm at one of its sites based outside the village of Quorn in northern Leicestershire.

The site is expected to generate approximately 10,000 MWh of electricity which would be fed directly into the energy grid. The grid connection with Western Power Distribution has been previously secured. The site is expected to become operational in Autumn 2023.

The Council is intending to enter into Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with an energy off taker that maximises the benefit to the Council and that secures an income that would support the wider Council activities.

This market test exercise is to allow the Council to seek information from the industry to help determine the best approach for a PPA and to how maximise the return on its investment in constructing a solar farm.

At this stage it is soft market test only and NOT A CALL FOR COMPETITION

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09330000 - Solar energy
- 65300000 - Electricity distribution and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Solar farm location: Poole Farm, Barrow Road, Quorn, LE12 8EN

Date at II.3. Estimated date of publication of contract notice is indicative only and may change. The Council is yet to establish the best route to market for this contract.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

TBC

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 June 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes