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Award

East Leeds Extension/East Leeds Orbital Route Legal Advisors

Leeds City Council - PACS

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0304ac

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Leeds

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKE42 - Leeds

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

East Leeds Extension/East Leeds Orbital Route Legal Advisors

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of Legal Advice to the Council for the East Leeds Extension Growth Area and East Leeds Orbital Route

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: £200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE42 - Leeds

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Legal Advice to the Council for the East Leeds Extension Growth Area and East Leeds Orbital Route

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

A direct award has been made to Pinsent Masons under Regulation 32 as competition is absent on the technical grounds that Pinsent Masons have significantly more previous knowledge of the project.

In 2015, Leeds City Council conducted a further competition under the CCS Legal Framework, specifically under Lot 8 Complex and Major Projects. Following the tender process, Pinsent Masons were awarded a 2 year contract. In 2017, a further contract was awarded to Pinsent Masons, for 48 months including extension options. This contract is due to expire on 31 December 2021.

Although the Council is dealing with some matters in-house, there is continued legal advice required for the East Leeds Extension and East Leeds Orbital Road projects. Due to the costs involved in bringing a new provider on board and up to speed with the project, Pinsent Mason's previous involvement which commenced in 2015 and the technical knowledge they have gained regarding the project as a result, it is considered that Pinsent Masons are best placed to be reappointed to continue providing the required legal expertise on this project. As such, the Council considers that there is no other reasonable alternative and is therefore awarding a two year contract direct to Pinsent Masons. This contract will commence in January 2022.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Title

East Leeds Extension/East Leeds Orbital Route Legal Advisors

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Pinsent Masons

30 Crown Place

London

EC2A 4ES

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £200,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £200,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom