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Contract

DfE - Renewable Electricity Team - Renewable Electricity Support Scheme Design

DfE: The Renewable Electricity Team RET

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DfE - Renewable Electricity Team - Renewable Electricity Support Scheme Design

Reference number

ID: 4917719

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

DfE - Renewable Electricity Team wishes to appoint a “Contractor” who will be responsible for delivering the three key outcomes set out in the specification in order to support DfE in meeting its Energy Strategy Climate Change Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 ambitions. The 3 outcomes include developing a high-level support scheme design, Conducting quantitative modelling exercises and a financial impact assessment. It is anticipated this contract will commence early October 2023 and initially run for 12 months. The Accelerated Open Procedure has been chosen as there is an urgent requirement for the service to be set up. The Executive’s new Energy Strategy - Path to Net Zero Energy was published in December 2021, followed by the Energy Strategy Action Plan in March 2023. Action point 7 of the plan commits the Department for the Economy to publishing the final design of renewable electricity support by the end of the year, along with a pathway and timeline for the support being in place. Delivery of the support scheme design for Northern Ireland cannot occur without a solid evidence base to support policy decisions. There is therefore a need for timely and relevant expert advice in order to shape an incentive scheme to meet current and anticipated levels of demand in Northern Ireland in this new decade and beyond. In order to meet the target set by the 2023 Energy Strategy Action Plan the Renewable Electricity Team requires urgent consultancy support to be completed by early December 2023 at the latest.

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: £174,989

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73220000 - Development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Outcome 1: Develop the high-level support scheme design / Weighting: 17.5

Quality criterion - Name: Outcome 2: Modelling / Weighting: 11.2

Quality criterion - Name: Outcome 3 Financial Impact Assessment / Weighting: 11.2

Quality criterion - Name: Key Personnel Experience / Weighting: 11.2

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value: Supporting Health Wellbeing / Weighting: 10.5

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management / Weighting: 8.4

Cost criterion - Name: Total Contract Price / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

one optional extension of any period up to and including 6 months

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

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

The Accelerated Open Procedure was chosen as there is an urgent requirement for the service to be set up in order to meet the target set by the 2023 Energy Strategy Action Plan. The Renewable Electricity Team requires urgent consultancy support to be completed by early December 2023 at the latest.

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 000-026283](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 October 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £174,989

Total value of the contract/lot: £174,989

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the certificate.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into