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Provision of International Stakeholder Visits (Posiva Oy)

RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Nuclear Decommissioning

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of International Stakeholder Visits (Posiva Oy)

Reference number

RWM594

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 63510000 - Travel agency and similar services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Radioactive Waste Management Limited (the Contracting Party) (RWM) seek to contract with Posiva Oy for Posiva Oy to provide visits to their underground deep geological disposal facility (GDF) for RWM and its external stakeholders. Visits could also be tailored to include engagement with Finish communities and stakeholders and visits to other nuclear facilities in Finland to help RWM and its stakeholders better understand the realities of geological disposal.

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: £160,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98113100 - Nuclear safety services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- FI - Finland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice is to inform the marketplace that RWM plan to, following a negotiated without prior publication procedure under Regulation 33 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, to award a contract to Posiva Oy.

Posiva Oy will enable RWM and its external stakeholders, such as community representatives, journalists and other key stakeholders, such access to, and tours of its GDF. The first type of visit includes its visitor centre, operating final repository of low and intermediate waste and an underground ONKALO exhibition in that repository. The second type includes, in addition to the first type of visit, a visit to the ONKALO URF and deep geological repository construction site 430m below ground. Posiva Oy can also arrange for RWM and its external stakeholders to visit other nuclear facilities in Finland, communities and stakeholders involved in and around such facilities.

RWM considers visits and engagement with the international community and decision makers such as Posiva Oy as critically important to enable RWM to engage with similar organisations, witness existing facilities and improve their knowledge of a working GDF. Equally RWM is currently working in partnership with communities in the UK potentially willing to host a facility and it's vital for them to understand how a GDF may impact their community. Other external stakeholders are interested in the realities of a GDF and Posiva Oy is currently the only waste management organisation currently constructing a GDF.

The contract could include visits to a range of nuclear communities around Finland and any potential additional services to be provided by Posiva if required, such as additional meetings or information requests connected to a visit.

The agreement is for 2 years. RWM will have the option to extend, at its sole discretion for up to another twenty-four months which will provide flexibility to RWM's stakeholder's in attending visits to Posiva's wide ranging facilities until it closes for visitors in 2025.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

RWM will have the option to extend, at its sole discretion for up to twenty-four months.

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:

RWM considers the use of Regulation 32 (2)(b)(ii) negotiated procedure without prior publication of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 is justified and accordingly the direct award of a contract with Posiva Oy may be agreed between the parties without the need to conduct a procurement process.

Posiva Oy currently has the world's only construction permit for a deep GDF. Posiva Oy started construction of their GDF in 2016 and offer the only deep repository for visits, showcasing its uniqueness and one of a kind facility for visits. It is important to RWM's stakeholders to understand first-hand what a GDF looks like, the scale of the project, and the expectation of hosting a GDF. Therefore, RWM considers visiting such a facility is critically important because it will improve knowledge and understanding of a working GDF to a diverse range of stakeholders. Community representatives will be able to witness the realities of a GDF being constructed and be able to engage with their equivalents in Finland. The media will be able to report on the scale, and science, technology and engineering required to build a GDF, and other RWM key stakeholders will be able to truly understand wider themes involved with a project of this size.

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

Contract No

RWM594

Title

Provision of International Stakeholder Visits (Posiva Oy)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 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

Posiva Oy

Olkiluoto, EURAJOKI, FINLAND

Business ID: 1029258-8

FI-27160

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)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £160,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Royal Courts of Justice

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