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Tender

ID 4165689 - DfI - Roads and Rivers Stores and Procurement - PROVISION OF HYDROMETRIC SUPPLIES SERVICES AND TRAINING

DFI Roads and Rivers

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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

ID 4165689 - DfI - Roads and Rivers Stores and Procurement - PROVISION OF HYDROMETRIC SUPPLIES SERVICES AND TRAINING

Reference number

ID 4165689

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71351612 - Hydrometeorology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Hydrometric Section within Department for Infrastructure (DFI) operates the Northern Ireland Surface Water Hydrometric Network, mainly for flood defence, water quality and water resource purposes. As well as assisting the Agency's flood estimation, flood assessment and regulatory and advisory functions, the network supports key functions of some other government agencies. Data was made available to many external organisations such as the Northern Ireland Environment Agency in relation to water quality and pollution issues, NI Water for water resources, universities for environmental research and other educational establishments for various projects. The Northern Ireland Surface Water Hydrometric Network currently consists of 130 hydrometric gauging stations and 5 rainfall stations located across Northern Ireland. Water levels are recorded and flows measured to derive ratings, from which estimates of flow are obtained using the stage-time series. The prime objective of the section is to provide data for use in the design, monitoring and maintenance of drainage schemes, flood alleviation schemes, flood awareness and flood risk assessment / management studies. DfI Rivers wish to appoint a Contractor for the provision of equipment, services and training to ensure that the staff of their Hydrometric Section have the necessary equipment, support and are competent, through training and experience, to carry out their duties. Please refer to document ID 4165689 - Specification for more information on this requirement.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £450,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38411000 - Hydrometers
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72212222 - Web server software development services
- 72212224 - Web page editing software development services
- 72400000 - Internet services
- 72413000 - World wide web (www) site design services
- 72415000 - World wide web (www) site operation host 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: Quality / Weighting: 30

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 70

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £450,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This contract will be potentially be due to be re-procured after initial contract period or following any extension period.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

:After the initial contract period of 3 years there will be an options to extend the contract for a further two periods of 1 year. (3+1+1)

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

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

19 December 2022

Local time

3:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 19 March 2023

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

19 December 2022

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: This contract will potentially be due to be re-procured after the initial contract period and/or following any extensions.

VI.3) Additional information

The successful contractor's performance on this contract will be managed as per the specification and 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 notice of unsatisfactory performance and this contract may be terminated. A central register of such notices for supplies and services contracts will be maintained and published on the CPD website. Any contractor in receipt of a notice of unsatisfactory performance will be required to declare this in future tender submissions for a period of 3 years from the date of issue of the notice. It may also 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. The authority expressly reserves the rights: . (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice;. (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition;. . (iii) to award (a) contract(s) in... respect of any part(s) of the (services) covered by this notice; and. . (iv) to award contract(s) in stages and in no circumstances will the... authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR2015 as amended

United Kingdom

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and, where... appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is... communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful... tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.