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Contract

Monitoring the impact of AES on landscape

NATURAL ENGLAND (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03eff6

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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://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Monitoring the impact of AES on landscape

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90700000 - Environmental services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This project will provide further evidence of the contribution that AE schemes make to the aims and aspirations of the Defra 25 YEP for conserving and enhancing beauty and England's distinctive landscape character; also, the need identified by the Glover Landscapes Review for better evidence of how England's landscapes are changing and using the evidence to more pro-actively influence desired changes and to ascertain the contribution that AES are making in that broader context. The project will make a highly significant contribution to supporting the Defra 25 YEP because the AES scheme landscape monitoring uses the same spatial and reporting framework (National Character Areas) and the findings will feed directly into the Defra 25 YEP Outcome Indicator G1: 'Changes to landscape and waterscape character'.

The body of AES landscape monitoring evidence is now substantial and whilst it is necessary to keep the assessments of scheme effectiveness updated, the emphasis must now be to use the evidence to inform a more strategic approach to the landscape spatial prioritisation and targeting of AE Schemes in the wider context of England's landscapes and how they are changing. There are also lessons to be learnt to inform a way to integrate Landscape more robustly into the mix of outcomes delivered by current and future AE Schemes, in a way that also assists landscape as context for nature recovery and making landscapes more resilient to climate change.

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: £248,182.50

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90700000 - Environmental services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 75

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 25

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 October 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Land Use Consultants

12th Floor, Beacon Tower, Colston Street, Bristol

Bristol

BS1 4XE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

2549296

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: £150,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £248,182.50

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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