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Contract

Celtic Framework

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03d549

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

Grŵp yr Economi, y Trysorlys a'r Cyfansoddiad / Economy, Treasury and Constitution

Caerdydd / Cardiff

CF10 3NQ

Contact

Verity Andrews-Ogden

Email

Verity.Andrews-Ogden@gov.wales

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL - Wales

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Assurance Review Services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Celtic Framework

Reference number

C132/2022/2023

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Celtic Framework is a mutual call-off framework contract through which contractors may be acquired for project assurance reviews and/or programme/project

management (hereinafter “PPM”)-specific purposes for the devolved governments of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

The objectives of the Celtic Framework are two-fold:

- To provide [suitably qualified] external advisers to lead and/or participate in assurance reviews managed through the assurance hubs in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales; and
- To provide [suitably qualified] external advisers for the provision of “other assurance services.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £6,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Celtic Framework: Lot 1 - Northern Ireland

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79420000 - Management-related services
- 79421000 - Project-management services other than for construction work
- 79421100 - Project-supervision services other than for construction work

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: Technical / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Celtic Framework: Lot 2 - Scottish Government

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79421000 - Project-management services other than for construction work
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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Celtic Framework: Lot 3 - Wales

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79420000 - Management-related services

- 79421000 - Project-management services other than for construction work
- 79421100 - Project-supervision services other than for construction work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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 000-016500](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Celtic Framework: Lot 1 - Northern Ireland

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ACTICA CONSULTING LTD

4 Stirling House, Stirling Road

Guildford

GU27RF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Glen Shuraig Consulting Ltd

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Gardiner & Theobald

10 South Crescent, Store Street

London

WC1E7BD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Valuta

North Cotton,

Brechin

DD97RJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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Axolve

Shepton Mallet

Country

United Kingdom

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- UK - United Kingdom

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: £6,500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,500,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Celtic Framework: Lot 2 - Scottish Government

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Celtic Framework: Lot 3 - Wales

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

E-Tender Information:

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

- The first person from your Organisation to use the Platform will be required to register on behalf of the Organisation.
- Registration involves accepting a User Agreement, and providing basic information about your Organisation and about the User performing the Registration.
- On registering on the Platform the Super User will select a Username and will receive a password.
- The Password will be sent by e-mail to the email address that was specified in the User Details section of the Registration page.
- In order to log-in to the Platform please enter your Username and Password.
- Note: If you forget your Password then visit the homepage and click “Forgot your password?”
- Registration should only be performed once for each Organisation.
- If you think that someone in your Organisation may have already registered on this Platform then you must not register again.
- Please contact the person who Registered (i.e. the Super User) in order to arrange access to the Platform.
- Contact the Helpdesk immediately if you are unable to contact the Super User (for example if they have left your Organisation).
- Note: If your Organisation is already registered on the Platform then you must not make any additional registration. Please contact the

Helpdesk to gain access to the Platform.

- Tenders must be uploaded to the BravoSolution portal by 14:00. Late bids will not be accepted.

How To Find The ITT:

- Once logged in you must click on 'ITT's Open to all Suppliers'

- The e-tender references for this contract are: project_53712

and the following ITT's: itt_103305, itt_103310 & itt_103311.

- Click on the title to access summary details of the contract. If you are still interested in submitting a tender, click the 'Express an Interest' button. This will move the ITT from the 'Open to all Suppliers' area to the 'My ITT's' on the home page.

- You will then see the full details of the ITT in the qualification and technical envelopes along with any relevant documents in the 'Attachments' area.

- Any questions on the ITT, please use the 'Messages' area to contact the buyer directly
– Please do not contact the named person at the top of this notice.

Please note that the Client may utilise EU finding in respect of the Contract. As a result, the successful Bidder will be required to manage finances and records so as to comply with EU audit requirements.

(WA Ref:136288)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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United Kingdom

