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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

Gr?p 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
- 79420000 Management-related services
- 79421100 Project-supervision services other than for construction work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

· UKM - Scotland

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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 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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Options: No

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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.1.3) 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**

• UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

NUTS code

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
UK - United Kingdom
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
UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

QI Consulting

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

• UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Axolve

Shepton Mallet

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

• 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

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

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Yes

The contractor is an SME

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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10 South Crescent, Store Street

London

WC1E7BD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

• UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

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.2.4) 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

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

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5
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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
QI Consulting
London
Country
United Kingdom
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UK - United Kingdom
The contractor is an SME
Yes
V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor
Valuta
North Cotton,
Brechin
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United Kingdom
NUTS code
UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

The contractor is an SME
Yes
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NUTS code
UK - United Kingdom
The contractor is an SME
No
V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country
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NUTS code
UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of
The contractor is an SME
Yes
V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor
ACTICA CONSULTING LTD
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Guildford
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Country
United Kingdom
NUTS code
UK - United Kingdom
The contractor is an SME

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

Yes

Glen Shuraig Consulting Ltd

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

WC2A 2LL

Telephone

+44 2079477501

Country

United Kingdom