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#### Contract

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Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

F03: Contract award notice

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

# I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

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London

#### Contact

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#### **Email**

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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-business-energy-and-industrial-strategy

Buyer's address

www.gov.uk/beis

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

# I.5) Main activity

General public services

# **Section II: Object**

# II.1) Scope of the procurement

### II.1.1) Title

1

Reference number

PRO 1065

### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 65000000 - Public utilities

### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

# II.1.4) Short description

This Energy Bill Relief Scheme (EBRS) will provide energy bill relief for non-domestic customers in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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The aim of this work is to directly engage with suppliers and to assess whether the

energy suppliers in the market are technically ready to support this policy and offer these

services to the end, non-domestic consumer, and to provide recommendations for BEIS

on how to support the market to be ready.

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: £607,040

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Audit and Assurance Services for Business Energy Strategy and Industrial Strategy

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

• Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

# Explanation:

Due to the short implementation window for the EBRS scheme which was announced 21st September 2022, there is an urgent requirement, where a supplier is needed to mobilise and deliver supplier readiness checks ahead of the 1st set of payments from 1st November. This will be part of the phased approach to addressing and detecting miscalculation, gaming and fraud-management in the EBRS scheme. The requirement was identified on 7th October, with a supplier needing to be in place by w/c 17th October to allow sufficient checks to tak[14:56] Cartwright, Darren (Corporate Services - Commercial & Operations)

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### 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

### **Contract No**

PRO 1065

# Lot No

Lot 4

### **Title**

Energy Bill Relief Scheme - Supplier Readiness Checks

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

# V.2) Award of contract

# V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 October 2022

### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

PricewaterhouseCooper LLP

1 Embankment Place, London WC2N 6RH

London

WC2N 6RH
Country
United Kingdom
NUTS code
UK - United Kingdom
National registration number
OC303525
The contractor is an SME
No
V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)
Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £607,040
Total value of the contract/lot: £607,040
Section VI. Complementary information
VI.4) Procedures for review
VI.4.1) Review body
BEIS
London
Country

United Kingdom