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Contract

Natural Gas

University of Ulster

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-035710

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

National registration number

NIC100166

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ulster.ac.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Natural Gas

Reference number

project_26923/ itt_36603

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 09123000 - Natural gas

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Natural Gas

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: £16,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract is for the supply of Natural Gas to all Ulster University Supply Meter Points (SMPs) across all four campuses.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Submission - mandatory criteria / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial Submission / Weighting: 100%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

It is anticipated the contract will be for two (2) years initially, with an option to extend for any periods up to and including twenty four (24) months.

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.2.14) Additional information

The estimated total value stated above in Section II.1.7 includes the initial 2 year contract period and the option to extend the contract for any periods up to and including 24 months.

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

Contract No

project_26923

Title

Natural Gas

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2022

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

Firmus Energy (Supply) Limited

1 Bartholomew Lane

London

EC2N 2AX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

05369108

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: £16,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £13,980,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The estimated total value of the contract awarded stated above in Section V.2.4 excluding Value-Added Tax (VAT) and Climate Change Levy (CCL), is based on an all-inclusive price per kWh of £0.157. Notional wholesale Natural Gas prices comprise the majority of costs on this Contract, these wholesale prices are highly volatile and subject to changes in market pricing. The actual value of the contract may be significantly higher or lower than the estimated total value stated.

In the event any subsequent Contract is terminated in accordance with the provisions of the terms and conditions, the University reserves the right to offer the second ranked Tenderer in this tender, the opportunity to enter into a contract, provided the original terms (including price) offered by that Tenderer remain unchanged from those originally offered by that Tenderer during the course of this tender. Should this not be the case and/or the second ranked Tenderer declines, the University reserves the right to approach the next ranked Tenderer in turn on the same basis. This will continue until all ranked Tenderers have been exhausted or if the University determines, at its sole discretion, to retender. This right will exist throughout the initial contract period.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (Northern Ireland).