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Contract

Marine Satellite Data Communication Service

Met Office

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03e04a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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EX1 3PB

Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Marine Satellite Data Communication Service

Reference number

DN661091

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64210000 - Telephone and data transmission services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Met Office operates a network of c.75 weather stations in the marine environment across buoys, ships and other remote platforms or islands – these are deployed in nearshore waters and the Atlantic Ocean, with a few ship stations travelling further afield.

The network relies upon satellite communications to ensure continued timely submission of essential marine observation data, with all stations hosting an Autonomous Marine Observing System (AMOS2X) equipped with an Iridium short burst data (SBD) modem.

Our contract with our current satellite communications supplier is due to expire, the objective of this procurement therefore, is to identify a satellite communication network and airtime service provider in order to continue to be able to transfer observational data from remote marine stations to our data ingestion system via Iridium service provider generated emails.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £300,000 / Highest offer: £400,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 35631100 - Communication satellites
- 35631200 - Observation satellites

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: Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value and Net Zero / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

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

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN661091

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ground Control Technologies Limited

Unit D2 Churcham Business Park

Churcham

GL2 8AX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £400,000 / Highest offer: £400,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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