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Award

## **Energy Buying Partnership**

Grand Union Housing Group

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0389ab

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.guhg.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA32010](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA32010)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Registered Social Landlord

**I.5) Main activity**

Housing and community amenities

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Energy Buying Partnership

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

An award of a service concession contract to appoint an energy buying partner with a pre-established portfolio of public sector organisations to act as an agent to arrange gas and electricity agreements for Contracting Authorities calling off under a Framework Agreement for the supply of gas and electricity. The Framework Agreement will be

advertised on Find a tender later in the year.

This is a renewal of an existing relationship established in 2014.

#### **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: £3,500,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award procedure without prior publication of a concession notice in the cases listed below

- No applications, no tenders or no suitable tenders/applications in response to a prior concession award procedure

Explanation:

The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the directive:

This is a notice to directly award a service concession contract to Trident Utilities Limited to establish an energy buying partnership arrangement. This is properly categorised as a 'services concession contract' (as defined in the Regulations) because: (i) the consideration to be received by the energy partner will be the right to exploit their service (which the energy partner will do by collecting a management fee in the form of a rebate from the successful gas/electricity supplier in relation to each Customer Call-off); and (ii) the demand-side risk in respect of the arrangement is transferred to the energy partner.

The value of this service concession contract is below the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 threshold, and therefore the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 do not apply. This notice is being published for transparency.

This notice does not relate to the procurement of the actual provision of gas/electricity Framework Agreement. The resultant Framework Agreement will be procured in accordance with the Open Procedure under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, which will be subject to further notices in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

30 November 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Trident Utilities

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Blackpool

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Country

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NUTS code

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Internet address

[www.tridentutilities.co.uk](http://www.tridentutilities.co.uk)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £3,500,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Public Procurement Review Service

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>