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Contract

Engage 2 - Hosting Generation IV International Forum Autumn 2024 Meeting

DESNZ

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

DESNZ

3 - 8 Whitehall Place

London

SW1A 2EG

Email

nuclearinnovation@energysecurity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/net-zero-innovation-portfolio>

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

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

con_6651

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Generation IV International Forum (GIF) was created as a co-operative international endeavour seeking to develop the research necessary to test the feasibility and performance of fourth generation nuclear systems, and to make them available for industrial deployment by 2030. The contract is for the UK to host and coordinate the Autumn 2024 meeting.

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: £150,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The contract is for the UK to host and coordinate the Autumn 2024 meeting of the Generation IV International Forum. The event consists of a series of meetings that will run for 4-5 days. The first 2-3 days are dedicated to discussion and exchange on the developments and progress of the work of the numerous technical working groups and task forces. The Expert Group (EG) and the Policy Group (PG) meetings will take place the following two days.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Project Team & Expertise / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Approach and Methodology / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Project Delivery / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Value-for-Money / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 15

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to restricted

procedure

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

There is considerable evidence that there is a single eligible supplier for these services, specifically the National Nuclear Laboratory (NNL). NNL is a public corporation wholly owned by DESNZ which has a remit to support delivery of the Government's national programmes in nuclear through excellence in science and technology; provide impartial and objective strategic advice to Government; represent the interests of the UK Government nationally or internationally in appropriate nuclear science and technology related fora, meetings and events.

There are over-arching reasons for tasking NNL. As the UK national lab, NNL have an established network representing the entire nuclear landscape. Their reputation as the national lab enables them to work with partners who may not choose to work with purely commercial third parties. In addition, NNL have international networks and memberships to Boards and committees that third parties do not have and could not establish. This function should be carried out by the national laboratory as the central point of contact for nuclear energy R&D in the UK. It also provides input into the NNL role as strategic advisors to Government. NNL have a unique breadth of skills and knowledge spanning technical and strategic fields, resulting from their heritage as a national laboratory and requirement to understand Government policy.

The justification for the Single Tender Action (STA) is therefore that competition is absent due to technical reasons, and to provide the combination of skills, integration and neutrality a STA to NNL is the most suitable procurement route to achieve the objectives and outcomes of this project.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 October 2024

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

NATIONAL NUCLEAR LABORATORY LIMITED

Chadwick House Warrington Road, Birchwood Park,

Warrington

WA3 6AE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

03857752

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £150,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

3 - 8 Whitehall Place

London

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Country

United Kingdom