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Contract

Legal Services for the Sizewell C Project

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

F20: Modification notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Legal Services for the Sizewell C Project

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79111000 - Legal advisory services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Legal Services for the Sizewell C Project

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

The scope of this contract pertains to the provision of legal advisory services to the DESNZ Sizewell C (SZC) project team, which is critical due to the complexity of a new nuclear build and the specialist skills required to deliver associated funding mechanisms.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

1 December 2023

End date

30 September 2024

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 V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

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Title

Legal Services for the Sizewell C Project

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

1 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

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

Linklaters LLP

One Silk St

London

EC2Y 8HQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £15,960,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

N/A

N/A

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 79111000 - Legal advisory services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

This is a variation to an existing contract between Linklaters LLP and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ). The scope of this contract pertains to the provision of legal advisory services to the DESNZ Sizewell C (SZC) project team, which is critical due to the complexity of a new nuclear build and the specialist skills required to deliver associated funding mechanisms. Additional work has become necessary due to the timing of the UK General Election and its impact on the wider project timelines.

The current contract value as stated in the contract award notice is £15.96m. This is made up of the initial 10-month contract, valued at £12m, and two optional three-month extensions to increase the value of the contract by £3.96m (£2.34m + £1.62m). A subsequent variation under Regulation 72 (1) (b) of the Public Contracts Regulation 2015 will take into account the combined value and period of the optional extensions and add an increase in the value and period of the contract by up to £7.98m and up to four months to 31/07/2025. Accordingly, the existing options to extend will be replaced and extended by one extension of 10 months and by a total value of £11.94m. As such, the maximum value of the contract, since 1st December 2023, is £23.94m with a maximum period of 20 months.

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

1 December 2023

End date

31 July 2025

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£23,940,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Linklaters LLP

One Silk St

London

EC2Y 8HQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

Existing options to extend (as described in the cover text) will be replaced by one extension of 10 months and a new total extension value of £11.94m

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

Additional work has become necessary due to the timing of the UK General Election and its impact on the wider project timelines.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £15,960,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £23,940,000