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Award

CFT558496 DAERA - LMC - Support and Maintenance of LMC's Farm Quality Assurance Scheme (FQAS) Database

DAERA - Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The FQAS Customer Relationship Management (CRM) database was developed throughout 2013/14 and was deployed "live" in January 2015. The software behind the CRM database is Microsoft Dynamics 2013. The CRM database

is owned by LMC. The CRM database is hosted on site at LMC. LMC now requires a Contractor to provide support and maintenance of the above solution.

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: £300,293.64

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: As Per the Tender Documents / Weighting: 30

Cost criterion - Name: As Per the Tender Documents / Weighting: 70

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This contract will start on the Service Commencement Date and will run for an initial period of three 3 years plus three 3 optional extension periods of two 2 years each e.g. 3+2+2+2. In addition further services may be required to develop additional functionality, facilitate system upgrades including newer versions i.e. 2016, integration to other systems and allow for remote user access.

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

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

Explanation:

The FQAS database requires development to capture information to allow carbon data collection to be undertaken. This additional development work is broadly within the scope of the overall requirement and does not represent a material change. The modification and the subsequent upgrade of the FQAS system is business critical for LMC. This modification request is for £106,622.47.

Regulation 72(1)(b) Additional works, services or supplies “have become necessary” and were not included in the initial procurement and a change of supplier would not be practicable (for economic, technical or interoperability reasons) and would involve substantial inconvenience/duplication of costs - provided the change does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

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

Notice number: [2016/S 252-464759](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 December 2016

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

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NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

Internet address

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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: £300,293.64

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended). and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award. of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the. unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into