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Award

National Weather Forecasting Information Services

National Highways Limited

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b412

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

National Highways Limited

Guildford

Email

tessa.shaw@nationalhighways.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/>

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

National Weather Forecasting Information Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71351600 - Weather-forecasting services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

National Weather Forecasting contract that supplies forecasts throughout the year to identify severe weather risks across the road network to enable effective mitigation planning and support to Traffic Officer and National Traffic Operations Centre. (NTOC)

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: £18,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To operate the road network effectively, the Traffic Officer service and NTOC require weather forecast information that is designed to assist them identify severe weather risks on the road network and plan an appropriate response key to this is informing the road user. This information consists of a twice daily forecast 'advisory' report highlighting potential risks and impacts to the Strategic Road Network, support to National Highways for public and partner information services, and provision of Open Data products (rainfall radar, satellite imagery, weather warning services etc.) to our Severe Weather Information Service (SWIS) and its end users.

The contract term will be for 3 years minimum with further options to extend for 3 years in increments of 2+1 years.

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The contract between National Highways and the Met Office establishes a cooperation between them with the aim of ensuring that public services they have to perform are provided with a view to achieving objectives they have in common namely ensuring public safety and harm prevention to those drivers using, and those individuals working on, the strategic road network. The implementation of that co-operation is governed solely by considerations relating to the public interest and regulation 12 (7) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 applies.

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/concession

Contract No

ITIP0366

Title

National Weather Forecast Information Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 October 2024

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

Met Office

Fitzroy Road,

Exeter

EX1 3PB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £18,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

As set out in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.