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Contract

UKRI-3201 New England Shelf Hydrogeology

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKRI-3201 New England Shelf Hydrogeology

Reference number

UKRI-3201

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 76320000 - Offshore drilling services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The British Geological Survey acting on behalf of the ECORD requires a marine coring capability and suitable vessel to operate offshore New England USA, for a scientific drilling, coring and groundwater sampling campaign for a period of 75 – 90 days (estimated) between May and August 2024. This scientific coring project seeks to extend our understanding of the current and past states of fluid composition, pressure and temperature in continental shelf environments. In many coastal settings worldwide, the distribution of freshwater within continental shelf sediments is far out of equilibrium with modern sea level. One of the most remarkable examples is found on the Atlantic continental shelf off New England where groundwater within shallow Pliocene-Pleistocene sand aquifers over 100 km offshore has low salinity (3000 mg/l or less). This project will test several hypotheses to help constrain rates directions and mechanisms of groundwater flow and chemical fluxes in continental shelf sys.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34514000 - Floating or submersible drilling or production platforms
- 43124900 - Rock-drilling equipment
- 45262422 - Subsea drilling work
- 76340000 - Core drilling

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- US - United States

Main site or place of performance

United States

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Contractor must be able to supply the full operational spread including a drill rig, the vessel, equipment for groundwater extraction and storage, and all personnel required to operate the spread. The drill rig must be capable of recovering core to at least 550m below seafloor in water depths of 41m to 79m. The project requires the Contractor to provide a suitable platform from which to deploy coring apparatus to achieve near-

continuous core samples (min. diameter 64mm) from seabed to a total depth (TD) of 550 mbsf (meters below sea floor) at each of 3 borehole locations. Please see the Specification for full details.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The estimated Contract value is \$17,000,000

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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