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Award

Flood Modeller licenses renewal

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04b73d

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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://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Non-Departmental Public Body

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Flood Modeller licenses renewal

Reference number

C26745

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 Incident Management Forecasting System (IMFS) is the Environment Agency's primary flood forecasting system and uses Jacobs owned Flood Modeller (FM) software as a platform to run its flood forecasting models.

The purpose of this VEAT notice is to announce the Environment Agency's intention to enter into a 5 year contract, starting 1st January 2025, with Jacobs for supply of Flood Modeller software licenses.

The Environment Agency will now enter a standstill period, starting on Monday 18th November 2024 for a period of 10 days, ending Thursday 28th November 2024 at midnight.

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: £2,275,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please refer to II.1.4.1.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

Jacobs are the sole owners and licensor of FM and there are no alternatives available to us without rewriting all forecasting models. It is the view of the Environment Agency that this contract is justifiable under Regulations 32(2)(b)(ii) and 32(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 to award the contract for the supply and support of the FM software because, as Jacobs own the intellectual property for the software, and develop and support the specialist FM software, therefore no reasonable alternative exists, nor can another organisation supply and support the product. At this time, no alternative solution is available because any decision to deviate from FM would require a redevelopment of all Environment Agency models, which would take many years to develop and at great cost, therefore competition is absent for technical reasons.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 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

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NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,275,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,275,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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