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## **Innovation to De-Carbonise Agricultural Communities while Optimising Rural Grids Challenge**

Cyngor Sir Ceredigion County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04be96

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0491](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0491)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/go/08701525019363BABE2C>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/go/08701525019363BABE2C>

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Innovation to De-Carbonise Agricultural Communities while Optimising Rural Grids Challenge

Reference number

itt\_114308

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This Challenge funding competition is part of the first cycle of a Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI or Contracts for Innovation) programme funded by the Welsh Government Smart Living, known as the Whole Systems Research & Innovation for Decarbonisation (WSRID) SBRI 1.0 Challenge.

This Challenge is to find a solution to managing the demand on rural grids in more innovative ways could help to reduce the cost of grid infrastructure and facilitate energy transition to net zero.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Ceredigion County Council is undertaking a SBRI type procurement exercise for this requirement.

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Project Summary / Weighting: 18.75

Quality criterion - Name: Innovation & Intellectual Property / Weighting: 12.5

Quality criterion - Name: Project Plan & Methodology / Weighting: 18.75

Quality criterion - Name: Technical & Team Expertise / Weighting: 12.5

Quality criterion - Name: Plan for Commercialisation / Weighting: 6.25

Quality criterion - Name: Proposed Idea\Technology / Weighting: 18.75

Price - Weighting: 12.5

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £600

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

Duration in months

3

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are separate contracts for Phase 1 and Phase 2, both covered under this Notice.

The funding for Phase 1 is GBP100k which is to be divided as necessary (unequally) between up to 4 projects. The contract for Phase 1 will terminate upon completion (31st March 2025).

Subject to projects being taken forward to Phase 2 and additional funding of up to GBP500k being secured, there will be a restricted bidding process between Phase 1 suppliers for the delivery of Phase 2.

#### **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**

Please see contract documentation for full details.

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

Notification of receipt of funding and the tight deadline for project delivery means there is not enough time to allow for conventional timescales.

#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

11 December 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English, Welsh

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 11 June 2025

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

11 December 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

NOTE: The authority is using eTenderwales to carry out this procurement process. To obtain further information record your interest on Sell2Wales at [https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search\\_switch.aspx?ID=146303](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=146303)

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The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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