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Award

Area 3 Maintenance & Response (M&R) Contract 2021

National Highways

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

National Highways

Bridge House, Walnut Tree Close

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.nationalhighways.co.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Area 3 Maintenance & Response (M&R) Contract 2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45233139 - Highway maintenance work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

This VEAT Notice relates to a Deed of Variation to a National Highways' Maintenance and Response Contract. This Contract currently provides and undertakes all cyclical and reactive maintenance, incident response, defect rectification and severe weather delivery on the trunk roads and motorways within Hampshire, Surrey, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Dorset, Wiltshire and part of Buckinghamshire (National Highways Area 3) (the "Contract"). Duties also include maintenance of roadside technology, the provision of traffic management for the contractor, maintenance and incident response activities, and traffic management for others who may be working on the network.

The Contract is due to expire on 31st October 2029 and will be shortened to have a new

end date of 5th June 2028, this is in order to align with the procurement process for the next Maintenance & Response contracts.

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: £288,720,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34923000 - Road traffic-control equipment
- 34993100 - Tunnel lighting
- 45221248 - Tunnel linings construction work
- 45233130 - Construction work for highways
- 45233140 - Roadworks
- 45233141 - Road-maintenance works
- 45233210 - Surface work for highways
- 45310000 - Electrical installation work
- 45316200 - Installation of signalling equipment
- 50230000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to roads and other equipment
- 50800000 - Miscellaneous repair and maintenance services
- 63712300 - Bridge and tunnel operation services
- 63712320 - Tunnel operation services
- 71300000 - Engineering services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Hampshire, Surrey, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, part of Dorset, and part of Buckinghamshire
(Highways England

South East Region Area 3)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Contract is one of a number of Maintenance & Response contracts which are part of a single procurement programme. For continuity and consistency there is a need for national alignment of the expiry date for all M&R contracts, to enable co-ordinated re-procurement. This means that the term of this Area 3 M&R Contract will be shortened and will have a new end date of 5th June 2028 instead of 31st October 2029. The amended Contract estimated value is £288,720,000.

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 modifications to the Contract fall within the permissible grounds set out under Regulation 72(1)(e) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 in that the modifications are not substantial within the meaning of Regulation 72(8) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 because:

This is a Contract shortening and does not render the Contract materially different;

The minor shortening of the Contract would not have changed the outcome of the original procurement as it would not have altered tenders or scores;

The shortened Contract will operate on the same terms and pricing so that this does not alter the economic balance of the Contract in favour of the contractor;

The change does not considerably alter the scope of the Contract as the works and services provided will remain unchanged; and;

This is not a change in contractor.

The Deed of Variation ensures continuity of service on the Strategic Road Network and aligns with National Highways' wider asset delivery and procurement strategy, thereby safeguarding public value and network integrity. The Contract is being shortened to better align with the re-procurement strategy for all Maintenance & Response contracts.

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: [2020/S 205-500519](#)

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

21 May 2021

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

Kier Highways Limited

Manchester

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: £288,720,000

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

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