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Contract

Sustainable Communities for Learning - Expert Technical Advice

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

Gwasanaethau Caffael Corfforaethol / Corporate Procurement Services, Parc Cathays / Cathays Park

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NUTS code

UKL - Wales

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Main address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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**

Sustainable Communities for Learning - Expert Technical Advice

Reference number

C108/2024/2025

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71244000 - Calculation of costs, monitoring of costs

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The appointment of the role of Technical Advisor for the Welsh Government's Sustainable Communities for Learning Scheme. The role of the Technical Adviser is a key one for the Welsh Government in its delivery of the Mutual Investment Model (MIM) programme as well as providing ad hoc advice for the capital programme. The theoretical technical knowledge required needs to be complemented with practical deal-making experience of recent public sector education infrastructure programmes for the MIM element of the technical advisory role.

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: £4,900,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71244000 - Calculation of costs, monitoring of costs

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme represents the largest strategic investment in Welsh educational infrastructure since the 1960s. The first wave of investment (Band A) of the Programme was under the banner of '21st Century Schools and Education' and represented a GBP1.6 billion investment over the five-year period ending 2019. This supported the rebuild and refurbishment of more than 170 schools.

The second tranche of investment (Band B) began in April 2019. It was expanded to include further education colleges and renamed the '21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme'. In January 2022 the Programme was renamed 'Sustainable Communities for Learning (SCfL)' to make a clear statement about Welsh Government's commitment towards the environment, community cohesion, and Wales' future generations. This latest

Programme will see a further GBP2.3 billion investment in school and college infrastructure utilising both public capital and revenue.

The service required by the intended contract is to provide technical support to the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme including Capital and MIM projects (Welsh Government and stakeholders). Stakeholders include: the Local Authority / colleges; Head teachers / Principals and Governors / board members.

As noted in II.1.4, the role of the Technical Adviser is a key one for the Welsh Government in its delivery of the MIM programme as well as providing ad hoc advice for the capital programme. The theoretical technical knowledge required needs to be complemented with practical deal-making experience of recent public sector education infrastructure programmes for the MIM element of the technical advisory role.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Questions / Weighting: 75

Price - Weighting: 25

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Start date: 01 March 2025

End Date: 31 December 2029

Length of Extension: 01 January 2030 - 31 December 2030 and

01 January 2031 – 31 December 2031

A Maximum of 7 Years

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 Welsh Government intends to award a direct award contract to Gleeds Cost Management Limited for the time and value noted within this notice, utilising the Crown Commercial Services Construction Professional Service Framework Agreement RM 6165 Lot 1: Built Environment. The framework specifically allows for direct awards of this value and term.

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

Contract No

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

GLEEDS COST MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Bristol

BS1 6BX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,200,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

As noted previously within this notice, this Voluntary ex-ante Transparency Notice is being used to inform of Welsh Government's intention to enter into a contract with Gleeds Cost Management Limited as a permitted direct award through the Crown Commercial Services Framework noted in section IV.1.1.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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