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Award

DFE - MAPB - Energy Group - Strategic Environmental Assessment & Habitats Regulations Assessment of Mineral Development in Northern Ireland

Department for the Economy

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Scope

Reference

ID 5827098

Description

The Department needs to understand the impact of mineral development policy on the local environment. The minerals policy will set the framework for mineral exploration and development, therefore the Department requires a Supplier to carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) that fully meets the requirements of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004, and a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) that fully meets the requirements of Regulation 43 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (as amended).

Suppliers should refer to the Specification Schedule for full detail on the deliverables of this contract.

Contract 1. DFE - MAPB - Energy Group - Strategic Environmental Assessment & Habitats Regulations Assessment of Mineral Development in Northern Ireland

Supplier

- RPS IRELAND LIMITED

Contract value

- £220,205.86 excluding VAT
- £264,247.03 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

11 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

11 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 22 September 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

23 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 23 September 2025 to 18 March 2027
- Possible extension to 18 March 2028
- 2 years, 5 months, 26 days

Description of possible extension:

There will be an option to extend the contract for 2 further periods of up to 6 months each for contingency purposes, in order to address unforeseen delays.

During the course of the contract, should additional work within the core scope of this tender specification be identified, having previously not been identified, contract extensions may also be used to allow for such work to be conducted, however extra funding will not be available.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

- 90700000 - Environmental services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Information about tenders

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

RPS IRELAND LIMITED

- Companies House: NI020604
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHGX-8925-YGNW

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Belfast

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Website: <http://www.rpsgroup.com>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Department for the Economy

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZXX-5679-MBYZ

Adelaide House, 39/49 Adelaide Street

Belfast

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery, Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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Contact CPD - Supplies & Services Division for any enquiries.