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Contract

Energy Retail Markets Legal Advice and Services

Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-074760

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e2df

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

3-8 Whitehall Place

London

SW1A 2EG

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-energy-security-and-net-zero>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Energy Retail Markets Legal Advice and Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Energy Retail Markets Legal Advice and Services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

Provision of legal advice in relation to electricity and gas supplier financial difficulties, insolvencies and subsequent government response which may include, but not be limited to: the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) process, requirements for a Special Administration Regime (SAR) and wider considerations related to supplier failure and market stability.

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

Start date

10 January 2025

End date

10 January 2026

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.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

2

Title

Energy Retail Markets Legal Advice and Services

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

10 January 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Sharpe Pritchard LLP

Elm Yard, 10-16 Elm Street

London

WC1X 0BJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Mills & Reeve LLP

24 King William Street

London

EC4R 9AT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £1,750,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

3-8 Whitehall Place

London

SW1A 2EG

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

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VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

10 January 2025

End date

10 January 2027

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£1,750,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

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VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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United Kingdom

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

Planned Time Extension Only

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

Planned extension under regulation 72.—(1) Contracts and framework agreements may be modified without a new procurement procedure in accordance with this Part in any of the following cases:—

(a)where the modifications, irrespective of their monetary value, have been provided for in the initial procurement documents in clear, precise and unequivocal review clauses, which may include price revision clauses or options, provided that such clauses—

(i)state the scope and nature of possible modifications or options as well as the conditions under which they may be used, and

(ii)do not provide for modifications or options that would alter the overall nature of the contract or the framework agreement;

VII.2.3 Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptions and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £1,750,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £1,750,000