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Contract

LGPS Multi Provider Framework for the Provision of Stewardship Services

BRUNEL PENSION PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-078862

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05d8c5

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

BRUNEL PENSION PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

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Bristol

BS16PU

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

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Companies House

10429110

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.brunelpensionpartnership.org/

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

LGPS Multi Provider Framework for the Provision of Stewardship Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 66520000 - Pension services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKK - South West (England)

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

The contract was awarded to Hermes Equity Ownership Services Limited ("Hermes") under the National LGPS Framework Agreement. The scope of the contract includes the provision of stewardship and responsible investment services to support the administering authority's obligations under the LGPS Regulations. These services include engagement with investee companies, proxy voting, and reporting on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) matters.

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

Duration in months

48

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

1-VR-03112025

V.2) Award of contract/concession

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

1 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

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

Hermes Equity Ownership Services Limited

150 Cheapside

London

EC2V 6ET

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

• UKI - London

Companies House

05167179

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: £850,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Brunel Pension Partnership Limited

Bristol

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

• 66520000 - Pension services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

• UKK - South West (England)

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

A contract was awarded to Hermes under the National LGPS Framework for the provision of stewardship services, including engagement with issuers and voting recommendations.

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

Duration in months

48

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£850,000

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):

Brunel Pension Partnership Limited ("Brunel") are extending the contract with Hermes under the justification listed below for the provision of engagement and voting provider services which expires on 1 December 2025. This is as a direct result of the government's announcement in May 2025 on pooling consolidation. Brunel intends to extend this contract on the same terms to Hermes under Regulation 72(1)(c) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

Brunel have extended its existing contract with Hermes for the provision of stewardship services in accordance with Regulation 72(1)(c) on the grounds of strict necessity due to the government's announcement in May 2025 regarding pooling consolidation, which has created an urgent need to maintain continuity of stewardship services across Brunel's pooled assets. Brunel does not believe that any other single provider can deliver the breadth of required services within the necessary timeframe without causing significant operational and governance risks to the business. The services provided by Hermes are integral to Brunel's responsible investment strategy and stewardship obligations, and any disruption would materially impact Brunel's ability to meet its fiduciary and regulatory duties.

The scope and terms of the contract with the incumbent remain unchanged as a result of the contract extension.

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: £850,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £1,062,500