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Contract

Multi-Supplier Framework Agreement for Ground Investigation Works

Transport Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044844

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00099

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

Other activity

Transport

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Multi-Supplier Framework Agreement for Ground Investigation Works

Reference number

TS/MP/WKS/2024/04

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45111250 - Ground investigation work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

Transport Scotland, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, has identified the need for specialist Ground Investigation (GI) works to support the delivery of infrastructure projects.

The procurement comprised the establishment of a Multi-supplier Framework Agreement (MSFA) with a number of ground investigation contractors to carry out and report on GI works of varying scope, complexity and value in connection with trunk road and other transport infrastructure schemes promoted by the Scottish Ministers through Transport Scotland. Individual GI contracts can be called off by mini-competition or other procedures in accordance with the Agreement.

The MSFA is divided into 2 Lots by estimated value of the individual GI call-off contracts.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £45,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Multi-supplier Framework Agreement for Ground Investigation Works - Lot 2 - greater than GBP 500,000

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45111250 - Ground investigation work
- 45120000 - Test drilling and boring work
- 45121000 - Test drilling work
- 45122000 - Test boring work
- 71351500 - Ground investigation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Sites across Scotland, predominantly in connection with the Trunk Road Network upgrading and maintenance schemes.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Transport Scotland is an agency of the Scottish Government and contracts in the name of and on behalf of the Scottish Ministers. Transport Scotland has identified the requirement to appoint a suitably experienced Framework Contractors to carry out GI works to support the development and delivery of trunk road and other transport infrastructure schemes throughout Scotland.

The Framework Contractors was procured through a Restricted procedure, in accordance with the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015. Transport Scotland managed procurement process for the Multi-Supplier Framework Agreement for Ground Investigation Works on behalf of the Scottish Ministers.

This was a two stage procedure, comprising a prequalification stage and a tender stage. Section II.2.9 of this Contract Notice describes the criteria used for selected the five

successful tenderers. Detailed information regarding the award process and award criteria for the tender phase was supplied to Economic Operators who were invited to tender.

The Conditions of Contract were the Infrastructure Conditions of Contract (ICC).

To be considered for the prequalification stage, Economic Operators were required to complete and submit a Single Procurement Document (SPD) in accordance with this Contract Notice and the Supplementary Information Document which can be accessed via the Additional Documents located within the Additional Notice Options, this can be downloaded via the Public Contracts Scotland portal (www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk).

Economic Operators were evaluated in accordance with the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, on the basis of the information they have provided within the SPD.

It is intended that the Framework Agreement will last four years.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Key Personnel; Resourcing; Managing Individual Call-Off Contracts; Provision of Information and Deliverables; Community Benefits; Fair Work First / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 40

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

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Lot No

2

Title

Multi-supplier Framework Agreement for Ground Investigation Works - Lot 2 - greater than GBP 500,000

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 December 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 8

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Geotechnical Engineering Limited

Centurion House, Olympus Park

Gloucester

GL2 4NF

Telephone

+44 7825667992

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Raeburn Drilling & Geotechnical Ltd t/a Igne

Raeburn Drilling & Geotechnical Ltd t/a Igne, Whistleberry Road

Hamilton

ML3 0HP

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Soil Engineering Geoservices Limited

Parkside Lane, Dewsbury Road, Leeds

Leeds

LS11 5SX

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Causeway Geotech Ltd

8 Drumahiskey Road

Ballymoney

BT537QL

Telephone

+44 2827666640

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

RSK Environment Limited

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £40,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Each Economic Operator were invited to submit a Tender on the same contract terms. To be considered for this procurement competition, Economic Operators were required to complete an SPD through the Public Contract Scotland portal and submit the completed SPD.

As set out in accordance with section II.2.9 above, an Economic Operator who no longer had the requisite objective criteria as required under the Contract Notice and SPD were excluded from this procurement competition.

There were minimum requirements concerning Cyber Security for this contract.

Tenderers were asked to confirm that they will pay staff based in the UK that are involved in the delivery of this Framework Agreement at least the real Living Wage.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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