

UK-Truro: market research services

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CONTRACT NOTICE

Services

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S):

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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: www.cornwall.gov.uk.

Further information can be obtained at: Cornwall Development Company - Low Carbon Cornwall, Bickford House South Wheal Crofty Station Road Pool, Attn: Lindsey Knuckey (European Officer), UK-Redruth TR15 3QG . Tel. +44 1209617004. E-mail: Lindsay.knuckey@cornwalldevelopmentcompany.co.uk.

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at: Cornwall Council, New County Hall Treyew Road, Attn: Debbie Osborne, UK-Truro TR1 3AY . Tel. +44 1872322608. E-mail: Debbie.Osborne@cornwall.gov.uk. Fax +44 1872322478.

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to: Cornwall Council, New County Hall Treyew Road, Attn: Debbie Osborne, UK-Truro TR1 3AY . Tel. +44 1872322608. E-mail: Debbie.Osborne@cornwall.gov.uk. Fax +44 1872322478.

I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES:

Regional or local authority.

Environment.

Economic and financial affairs.

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no.

SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT

II.1) DESCRIPTION

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

Consultancy Services for Preparation of an Analysis of the Carbon Emission-related Aspects of the Economies of Three European Regions.

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance:

Services.

Main site or location of works: Council Offices throughout Cornwall.

NUTS code: UKK3.

II.1.3) The notice involves:

A public contract.

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement:

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s):

The Regions for Sustainable Change (RSC) partnership is searching for an organization or company that will provide consultancy services to conduct an analysis of the carbon emission related aspects of the economies of three regions: i.e. Marche (Italy), Burgenland (Austria) and Cornwall (UK). The analysis will aim to identify opportunities for and the costs and effects of moving to a low carbon economy in these 3 regions and to develop a generic model applicable for transfer to other European regions.

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

79310000, 79311400, 90711200.

II.1.7) **Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA):**

No.

II.1.8) **Division into lots:**

No.

II.1.9) **Variants will be accepted:**

No.

II.2) **QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**

With the support of the regions the consultants will develop the following reports and methodologies for each region:

1/ make a summary of available studies on the economic risks and costs connected to climate change and the volatilities in energy supply and price. If such studies do not exist the contractor should make estimations and/or propose measurements recommendations without doing the analysis itself;

2/ provide analysis of the costs of abatement of GHG emissions for the economy and society as a whole, and the benefits that this will bring to the economy of the region and the society through productivity gains, energy shift, energy security and savings, and positive behaviour changes to a less energy intensive way of life;

3/ evaluate policy and behavioural development paths for each region as well as institutional and political systems by which their economies can achieve at least the EU's 20-20 by 2020 CO2 targets or more stringent regional targets whilst maximising economic and social benefits. The macro-economic analysis will identify the potential economic and carbon-related costs and benefits of those paths.

While the purpose of 1/ and 2/ is to give the regions the arguments to be ambitious while at the same time describing the necessary efforts for that, the main objective of the analysis is to provide answers how regions can make ambitious moves towards becoming low-carbon regions.. The analysis of "how to be ambitious" needs to respond very specifically to the socio-economic situation in the region.

Consultants should also consider data and analyse the regional economic structures, if studies on economic risks and costs connected to climate change are not available.

A more detailed 'Terms of Reference' will be provided in the Invitation to Tender, to those consultants who have successfully passed the PQQ stage.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 222 000 EUR.

II.2.2) **Options:**

No.

II.3) **DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME-LIMIT FOR COMPLETION:**

Duration in months: 12 (from the award of the contract).

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

III.1) **CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

No deposits will be required but where applicable the successful tenderer (or in the case of a consortium bid, each member of the consortium) may be required to provide a parent company guarantee or alternative performance bond.

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them:**

These conditions will be provided in the Invitation to Tender documents.

III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**

Joint and several liability.

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject:**

Yes.

The Contract will be subject to Cornwall Council Terms and Conditions of Contract.

III.2) **CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**

III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: Parties will be provided with detailed instructions concerning the information they must provide. This will be contained in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire. Consideration will only be given to those contractors who complete and return the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire by the required date.

Economic operators subject to any of the following [may/will] not be considered where the said operator.

(a) is bankrupt or is being wound up, where their affairs are being administered by the court, where they have entered into an arrangement with creditors, where they have suspended business activities or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations;

(b) is the subject of proceedings for a declaration of bankruptcy, for an order for compulsory winding up or administration by the court or of an arrangement with creditors or of any other similar proceedings under national laws and regulations;

(c) has been convicted by a final judgment in accordance with the legal provisions of the country of any offence concerning his professional conduct;

(d) has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authorities can demonstrate;

(e) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country of the contracting authority;

(f) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country of the contracting authority;

(g) is guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required under this section or has not supplied such information;

(h) has been the subject of a conviction for participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2(1) of Council Joint Action 98/733/JHA;

(i) has been the subject of a conviction for corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Council Act of 26.6.1972 and Article 3(1) of Council Joint Action 98/742/JHA3 respectively;

(j) has been the subject of a conviction for fraud within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention relating to the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities;

(k) has been the subject of a conviction for money laundering, as defined in Article 1 of Council Directive 91/308/EEC of 10.6.1991 on prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial capacity:**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Please refer to the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity:**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:
Please refer to the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

III.2.4) **Reserved contracts:**

No.

III.3) **CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS**

III.3.1) **Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession:**

No.

III.3.2) **Legal entities should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service:**

Yes.

SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

IV.1) **TYPE OF PROCEDURE**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure:**

Restricted.

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate:**

Envisaged minimum number: 5. Maximum number: 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Parties will be provided with the criteria to be used for choosing the limited number of candidates. This will be contained in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue:**

IV.2) **AWARD CRITERIA**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria:**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated below:

1. Evidence of previous relevant experience. Weighting: 30.
2. Capacity and Resources. Weighting: 30.
3. Methodology and Quality Control. Weighting: 15.
4. Innovation. Weighting: 15.
5. Price. Weighting: 10.

IV.2.2) **An electronic auction will be used:**

No.

IV.3) **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

2009.45F.

IV.3.2) **Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract:**

No.

IV.3.3) **Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document:**

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 11.11.2009 - 15:00.

Payable documents: no.

IV.3.4) **Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate:**

8.12.2009 - 15:00.

IV.3.5) **Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates:**

18.12.2009.

IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up:**

English.

IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender:**

IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening tenders:**

SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VI.1) **THIS IS A RECURRENT PROCUREMENT:**

No.

VI.2) **CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS:**

No.

VI.3) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

VI.4) **PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures:**

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals:**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: This contracting authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into. Applicants have 2 working days from the notification of the award decision to request additional debriefing and that information has to be provided a minimum of 3 working days before the expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be requested from the addressee found in I.1.

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained:**

VI.5) **DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:**

27.10.2009.