

United Kingdom-Belfast: Ferry transport services
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Contract award notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.3. Main activity

General public services

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

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

DRD – Rathlin Island Ferry Service Provision.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 19: Water transport services
Main site or place of performance: Northern Ireland.
NUTS code UKN Northern Ireland

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

II.1.4. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

The Department for Regional Development wishes to appoint a service provider to operate a life-line ferry service between Ballycastle and Rathlin Island.

The contract objectives for the service are:

- To maintain a 'life-line' service to Rathlin Island; and
- Link with other statutory authorities to enhance the Island community.

DRD have satisfied themselves that the purpose of this Public Service Obligation/Contract is to meet the Departments policy objectives to deliver lifeline ferry services between Ballycastle and Rathlin Island which will be subsidised by the Department through a public service contract complying with the Cabotage Regulations and the EU maritime State Aid rules as set out in Council Regulation (EEC) 3577/92 and Commission decision 2012/21/EU.

The Service of General Economic Interest (SGEI) public service subsidy being provided as part of this contract does not constitute state aid and therefore there is no requirement to notify the European Commission because the following rules, established as part of the landmark Altmark judgement, have been satisfied:

- There is a clearly defined public service obligation,
- The parameters for calculating the subsidy have been established in advance in an objective and transparent manner,
- The Subsidy will not exceed the relevant costs and a reasonable profit and
- The provider will be chosen following a public procurement procedure.

The service requirements are set out in the Specification. In preparing the Service Specification the Department has had particular regard to the following key principles:

Safety Standards - Safety of passengers and crews is a fundamental issue which under no circumstances can be compromised or diluted;

Standards and Quality - Emphasis has been placed not only on accurately defining the existing level of services supplied but also on quality;

Reliability - Emphasis is placed on the ability to deliver consistently the required levels of service, hence reliability is a fundamental principle;

Performance - Continued high standards of punctuality and availability of vessels; and

Compliance - Continued compliance with all relevant laws, rules and legislation is essential.

This tender is designed to identify, by Public Service Contract, the tenderer requiring the lowest financial compensation in all but exceptional and duly justified circumstances to meet the service requirements. This is in line with EU rules.

The initial contract period is for 2 years with options to extend for 6 months at a time up to a maximum contract period of 5 years.

II.1.5. CPV code(s)

60610000 Ferry transport services

II.1.6. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.2. Total value of the contract/lot

II.2.1. Total value of the contract/lot

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union in the cases listed below

Justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union:

Directive 2004/18/EC

1) Justification for the choice of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice in the OJEU in accordance with Directive 2004/18/EC

2) Other justification for the award of the contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union

The contract has as its object services listed in Annex II B to the directive.

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

1. Price. Weighting 70
2. Quality. Weighting 30

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

P14306

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: P14306

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

16.5.2014

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Rathlin Island Ferry Limited

Postal address: 4 Bayview Road

Town: Ballycastle

Postal code: BT54 6BT

Country: United Kingdom

V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

V.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:

no

VI.2. Additional information

VI.3. Procedures for review

VI.3.1. Review body

VI.3.2. Review procedure

VI.3.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.4. Date of dispatch of this notice

19.5.2014