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**Ireland-Wexford: Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
2023/S 185-579025**

Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Official name: Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Postal address: Johnstown Castle Estate

Town: Wexford

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

Postal code: Y35 PN52

Country: Ireland

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Main address: <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

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

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Evaluation and scoring of ACRES General Commonage (outside of the ACRES Co-operation Project areas) as part of Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan - West Connacht

II.1.2) Main CPV code

77000000 Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

The Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme ('ACRES') is administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), as part of Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan (CSP).

There are two approaches within ACRES namely:

- ACRES General, available nationally (outside of the high priority geographical area as defined for the ACRES Co-operation approach),
and
- ACRES Co-operation, available to farmers in defined high priority geographical areas (ACRES Co-operation 'CP' areas).

Commonage is a mandatory action in ACRES which means that all commonage lands declared by the ACRES applicant in their BPS/BISS in the specified year, whether owned, leased or rented had to must be included in ACRES.

This contract was awarded to engage the services of a team of qualified personnel for the qualitative evaluation and results-based scoring of commonage parcels in ACRES that fall outside of the defined ACRES Co-operation geographical areas under ACRES in the West Connacht region.

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

Value excluding VAT: 770 000.00 EUR

II.2) **Description**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

77100000 Agricultural services

90700000 Environmental services

90710000 Environmental management

90711000 Environmental impact assessment other than for construction

90711500 Environmental monitoring other than for construction

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

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II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding of the requirements / Weighting: 100

Quality criterion - Name: Proposed approach to delivering the objectives of the project / Weighting: 200

Quality criterion - Name: Key personnel and resources / Weighting: 250

Quality criterion - Name: Contract and risk management / Weighting: 100

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Impact / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 250

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: yes

Identification of the project:

CAP Strategic Plan Technical Assistance budget which is co-funded by the European Fund for Agriculture and Rural Development

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Description**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure without prior publication

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

Explanation:

Open procedure published on 28/04/2023 (Contract Notice [2023/S 084-252438](#)) with 4 lots. Contracts awarded in respect of Lots 1, 2, and 4. For Lot 3 (West Connacht) no suitable tender was received. Contract Award Notice [2023/S 151-482113](#) was published on 08/08/2023. An RFT was published in April 2023. Only one tender response was received in respect of Lot 3, but it was deemed non-compliant under the rules of the competition. Following publication of the Contract Award Notice, a negotiated procedure was entered into with WCCP Limited. The contract awarded under this procedure remains unchanged from the initial conditions set out in the Open Procedure competition.

IV.1.3) **Information about 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**

Section V: Award of contract/concession

Title:

Evaluation and scoring of ACRES General Commonage (outside of the ACRES Co-operation Project areas) as part of Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan - West Connacht Region

V.2) **Award of contract/concession**

V.2.1) **Date of contract award decision:**

13/09/2023

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

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

Official name: WCCP Limited

Postal address: Bell Height

Town: Kenmare

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

Country: Ireland

The contractor/concessionaire will be an SME: yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: 770 000.00 EUR

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) **Additional information:**

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: High Court of Ireland

Town: Dublin

Country: Ireland

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

21/09/2023