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Contract

Delivery of the Gateway to Choices Service

Belfast City Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Belfast City Council

9 - 21 Adelaide Street

Belfast

BT2 8DJ

Email

crothersr@belfastcity.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.belfastcity.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Delivery of the Gateway to Choices Service

Reference number

T2250

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The ultimate goal of the Gateway to Choices Service is to get more of those further back in the labour market to engage in the existing provision that will support their employability and skills journey.

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: £2,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

Main site or place of performance

Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Gateway to Choices service/contract will:

- create a database of employability and skills provision, ensuring support for Belfast residents through a Gateway to Choices service.
- deliver employability and skills focused independent information, advice and guidance(IAG) to help those living in Belfast, who are furthest from the labour market, make informed choices about their employability and skills pathway and to support those living in Belfast and currently in work (in Belfast or elsewhere) who are seeking better/more sustainable jobs to identify the requisite supports that are available to them.
- target those furthest from the labour market are (a) the long-term unemployed (LTU), (b)non-work ready claimants as referred by JBO Work Coaches, or (c) those economically inactive.
- support individuals seeking better/more sustainable jobs including those wishing to move on from entry level jobs, or from jobs on minimum wage, or from jobs with zero-hour contracts, or from jobs with short-term contracts.
- provide specialist triage support resource which will support individuals through referrals to appropriate provision and utilise all existing funding mechanisms and interventions, including those in health.

The ultimate goal is getting more of those further back in the labour market to engage in the existing provision that will support their employability and skills journey. The awarded Contractor will work closely with the NI Careers Service, Jobs & Benefits Office(JBO) Work Coaches, relevant health service providers and local VCSE organisations for quality, up to date, impartial and independent advice tailored to individual needs and

career aspirations.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Open procedure

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

Contract No

T2250

Title

Delivery of the Gateway to Choices Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

GEMS NI Ltd

24-31 Shaftesbury Square

Belfast

BT2 7DB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN06 - Belfast

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom