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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](mailto:crothersr@belfastcity.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN06 - Belfast

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **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(IG) 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

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## **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

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### **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