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Award

Banking Services for the Education Authority

Education Authority NI

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Education Authority NI

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Banking Services for the Education Authority

Reference number

BSF-19-022

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66110000 - Banking services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The award of a contract by Education Authority Northern Ireland (EANI) without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union, in respect of the provision of Banking Services for EANI (BSF-19-022) as further described in OJEU Contract Notice.

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: £215,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of Banking Services to the Education Authority NI.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 35

Price - Weighting: 65

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Contract set out in OJEU Contract Notice was entered into by EANI as per the published Contract Award Notice. The Contract was initially for a term ending March 2021, with the option to extend for another 12 months which was exercised. It was agreed in March 2022 that the contract be further extended until 30 September 2023 under Regulation 72(1)(B) of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015. It is now further agreed in January 2023 that the contract be further extended until March 2024 under Regulation 72(1)(C) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Namely, the following conditions have been fulfilled:

(i) the need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen. There has been a delay in providing a required service from the Post Office to enable the full banking service required by the EA to operate fully and for the EA to successfully transition to the NI Collaborative Banking contract with Danske Bank as planned. This delay is due to regulatory systems changes which was unforeseen by all parties (EA, Danske or Post Office) and only became known in late 2022.

(ii) the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract. The original services of the contract remain unchanged.

(iii) any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract or framework agreement. As the extension period for 6 months has a maximum value of approximately £215,000 GBP, it does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract (£1,485,000 GBP).

This modification period will allow all banking services to be transferred to the new contract without any break in services which would be ruinous for the EA in its ability to deliver services to NI Schools.

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

Notice number: [2020/S 207-506456](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 January 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

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London

EC4M 9BE

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business.tenders@boi.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.bankofirelanduk.com>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £215,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom