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ID 3976745 DAC 172/21 DfE - Review of Further Education Delivery Model

Department for the Economy

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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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

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Reference number

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for the Economy is awarding a 4-5 month Direct Award Contract to carry out an evidence gathering exercise in relation to Further Education (FE) to inform a review of the FE delivery model in Northern Ireland (NI). The estimated value of this DAC is £250,000 for the period 17 January 2022 - 31 May 2022.

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: £250,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Further Education sector is currently operating within a rapidly evolving strategic and economic environment and needs to be able to adapt quickly to meet the changing skills needs of the economy and of learners. It is clear that the FE delivery model, constrains the sector's ability to adapt to meet those requirements mainly due to changing economic, demographic and skill requirements . As a result, the Department is undertaking a review of the current Delivery Model and as part of the initial stage of that review, is seeking to engage a contractor to carry out an assessment of the current performance of the sector in order to inform the Department's consideration of how Further Education should be delivered in the future. The assessment will build on the VfM benchmarking study which was carried in 2018. It will provide an evidence base around the respective financial performance of colleges and of the sector as a whole, providing relevant metrics in relation to efficiency and effectiveness which will facilitate benchmarking both within the sector and externally, in order to identify examples of good practice which can help to inform the direction of travel for the Further Education Sector.

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

Compliance with Regulation 32 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) for reasons connected with the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights (regulation 32(2)(b)(iii)); in cases of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseen or attributable to the contracting authority, where the time limits for the open, restricted or competitive procedures with negotiation cannot be complied with (regulation 32(2)(c)); and Regulation 32(9) exemption for services which repeat similar ones entrusted to the economic operator.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

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Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 January 2022

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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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: £250,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement. competitions. Instead any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 amended

As above

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contract Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). The authority incorporates a standstill period (i.e a minimum of 10 calendar days) before this contract is awarded.