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Contract

Blue Prism Licence & Support

DUDLEY MBC

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ce09

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

DUDLEY MBC

Council House

DUDLEY

DY19TD

Contact

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Email

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG36 - Dudley

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.dudley.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

Blue Prism Licence & Support

Reference number

24089

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72260000 - Software-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Dudley MBC have recently completed a successful pilot of Robotic Process Automation (RPA) software using the Blue Prism product and are now running live workloads using a single licence. This licence is due to expire on 24th October 2024. This licence, and the associated development environment, are hosted on-premises on our own virtual machines. We expect to require additional licences for Blue Prism in the future, so that we can scale our environment as our workloads grow.

In addition, we recognise that as we expand our use of Blue Prism, we may require expert advice and support from experienced consultants and developers.

Lot1:

1.1 Provision of one Blue Prism licence to commence October 24th 2024 for a period of three years.

1.2 An optional additional two Blue Prism licences, to be called off when decided by Dudley MBC (this may be at the start of the contract or a later date), and to co-terminate with the single licence referred to in lot 1.1 above.

1.3 Note that additional licences in lot 1.2 will not be charged until explicitly called off by Dudley MBC.

1.4 Prices shall be fixed for the life of the contract.

Lot 2:

2.1 Provision of expert advice and support in the use of Blue Prism software with a minimum of zero up to a maximum of twenty days in the first twelve months of the life of this contract.

2.2 Provision of expert advice and support in the use of Blue Prism software with a minimum of zero up to a maximum of fifteen days in the remaining life of this contract following the first twelve months.

2.3 Provision of expert advice and support in the use of Blue Prism software in excess of the amounts defined in lots 2.1 and 2.2, with a minimum of zero days.

2.4 Note that the advice and support defined in lots 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 will not be charged until explicitly called off by Dudley MBC. There will be no minimum commitment to use any days, and each day called off will be itemised and charged separately, with a monthly statement and invoice detailing days used in the preceding month.

2.5 We expect that suppliers will wish to provide a price per day or per hour, but alternative proposals will be considered. Hourly pricing is preferred, with only hours used being billed.

2.6 Prices shall be fixed for the life of this contract.

Suppliers may bid for either or both lots, and your proposal should make clear which lot(s) you are bidding for.

Suppliers should clearly demonstrate in their submission that they have a deep understanding of the Blue Prism product set, and also detail their experience of working with UK Local Authorities, including the outcomes they have enabled as a result of this work.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £33,039

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Blue Prism Licences

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72260000 - Software-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG36 - Dudley

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Support Services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72260000 - Software-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG36 - Dudley

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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:

Below threshold procurement, advertised through DMBC Intend Portal and on Contracts Finder

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

Contract No

24089

Title

Blue Prism Licence & Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 October 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Arvato Ltd

One Fleet Place

London

EC4M 7WS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG36 - Dudley

Companies House

03923307

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £33,039

Total value of the contract/lot: £33,039

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court Royal Court Of Justice

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom