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Contract

## **ID 1032027/L8 Legal Services for Strategic Partner Services & School Management System Solution Project**

the Education Authority

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-000917

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04cf3d

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

[laura.magee@eani.org.uk](mailto:laura.magee@eani.org.uk)

#### **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>

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

ID 1032027/L8 Legal Services for Strategic Partner Services & School Management System Solution Project

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79100000 - Legal services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

The provision of legal services for the Strategic Partner Services and School Management System Solution project.

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

36

#### **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.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

ID 1032027/L8

### **Title**

Legal Services for Strategic Partner Services & School Management System Solution Project

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

11 January 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Carson McDowell LLP

Belfast

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Telephone

+44 2890242951

Country

United Kingdom

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Internet address

<https://www.carson-mcdowell.com>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £925,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This contract was a call-off contract awarded under Lot 8 of the CPD Framework ID 1032027 for Legal Services.

### **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

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 79100000 - Legal services

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

The provision of legal services for the Strategic Partner Services and School Management System Solution project.

#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

60

#### **VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£1,387,500

#### **VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

This contract was a call-off contract awarded under Lot 8 of the CPD Framework ID 1032027 for Legal Services.

The requirement has arisen to modify the contract end date to extend for a further period of 2 years until 10 January 2027 and increase the value to cover this additional contract period.

This is the first modification to this contract. The modification is proposed in accordance with Regulation 72 (1)(b) and meets all of the following conditions:

(b) for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement, where a change of contractor—

(i) cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, services or installations procured under the initial procurement, or

(ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority, provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract;

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

For technical reasons a change in supplier is not possible at this stage. The provider has been contracted to provide legal advice and support on this specific project over the last 3 years and has built up critical knowledge and understanding which will be required to proceed with this complex strategic procurement exercise required over the next 2 years. To contract with a different supplier at this stage would significantly impact timelines for delivery of the project and duplication of costs for the contracting authority.

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £925,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £1,387,500