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## **DAC 130/20 - DE - Safer Schools App**

Department of Education

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS 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

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### **Section II: Object**

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

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

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

##### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Department of Education require access to the safeguarding app as this provides information and messaging on a full range of safeguarding and child protection issues with tailored versions of the app for teachers, parents as well as children & young people (separate primary and post primary versions). This app has significantly increased the Department's communications with schools, pupils and parents and enables schools to communicate directly with specific groups, link directly to the latest Government guidance, for example on COVID -19 and complement our existing social media accounts.

##### **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: £170,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - NORTHERN IRELAND

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **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**

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:

This is for the provision of a safeguarding app for primary and post primary schools which is a necessary service required by the Department and is permitted under Regulation 32 2 b ii and iii due to technical reasons and for reasons connected with the protection of exclusive rights.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **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**

1 January 2021

#### **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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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - NORTHERN IRELAND

Internet address

[www.etendersni.gov.uk](http://www.etendersni.gov.uk)

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: £170,000

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## **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.

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#### **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 will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) before this contract is awarded.