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Contract

National Careers Service - Live Service Management Extension

Department for Education

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04d07c

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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London

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

National Careers Service - Live Service Management Extension

II.1.2) Main CPV code

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

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

A contract for technical support for the National Careers Service digital services

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

Start date

10 January 2022

End date

9 February 2026

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 V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

con_12785

Title

National Careers Service Live Service Management Extension

V.2) Award of contract/concession

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

10 October 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

Netcompany UK Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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: £6,800,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

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

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

A contract for technical support for the National Careers Service digital services

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

Start date

10 January 2022

End date

9 February 2026

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£13,558,933.30

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

Netcompany UK Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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):

12 month contract extension

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

Regulations 72(1)(c) and/or (b). A contract extension is needed to ensure service continuity, as there was no time to complete a new procurement procedure before expiry on 9.1.2025 in circumstances where an earlier procedure had to be abandoned once the extent and impact of policy changes announced by the incoming Government became clear.

Far more significant technical and other changes in the scope and nature of any future services are required than could have been foreseen by any diligent authority at contract award in January 2022, taking up to one year to introduce. An interim procedure was considered insufficiently commercially attractive for new suppliers and disproportionately costly to run.

Under these circumstances, any new procurement procedure must be delayed pending full development of the future service model and procurement approach, so necessitating a one-year contract extension.

The price increase (c.£3.4m) is below 50% of the original contract value (c.£6.8m).

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: £10,169,200

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £13,558,933.30