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# **Paper River Software Support for NPU**

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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# Section I: Contracting authority/entity

# I.1) Name and addresses

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

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# Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

UKM - Scotland

# Internet address(es)

Main address

http://www.copfs.gov.uk/

Buyer's address

 $\underline{https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0029}$ 

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

# I.5) Main activity

Social protection

# **Section II: Object**

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Paper River Software Support for NPU

Reference number

COPFS-2021-151

#### 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

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#### 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: £55,080

## II.2) Description

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

• 72261000 - Software support services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKM - Scotland

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract includes the option for additional professional services days to be called off during the contract term up to the value of 11050 GBP to develop new forms and workflows as required.

### 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

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:**

Under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 33(b)(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons and to protect exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights. Paper River Consulting Ltd own the IPR for the forms and workflows developed for COPFS as well as the IPR of the scanning solution itself, which they support and maintain. The solution is integrated to other COPFS critical business systems.

#### 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**

COPFS-2021-151

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract/concession

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 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

Paper River Consulting Ltd

Nexus Building, Broadway

Letchworth

SG6 3TA

Country

**United Kingdom** 

NUTS code

• UK - United Kingdom

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: £66,130

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.3) Additional information

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# VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Clerk's Office

PO Box 23, 1 Carlton Place

Glasgow

G5 9DA

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**United Kingdom**