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Award

eFinancials Software Hosting

Forestry and Land Scotland

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-030ce4

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Forestry and Land Scotland

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.forestryandland.gov.scot>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA30371

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

eFinancials Software Hosting

Reference number

C0238

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

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency (VEAT) notice.

The contract is for provision of hosting to enable the upgrade of FLS' eFinancials software.

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: £206,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72260000 - Software-related services
- 72250000 - System and support services
- 72251000 - Disaster recovery services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency (VEAT) notice.

FLS has made a decision to upgrade a current version of finance software due to the risk of being out of support. As the current server and associated infrastructure does not have the capacity to support this, an upgrade to the infrastructure is required.

Not responding to the required hosting change would result in the organisation's eFinancials system falling out of support, which carries a high risk of inability to deal with system failure and to maintain adequate system security.

FLS therefore intends to award this contract for the provision of hosting services without competition to the current supplier of the software.

The current contract for software upgrade is timebound

and having to establish a contract for hosting through a different route to market would add significant time and resource, and put the organisation in a breach of the existing contract due to the breach of timescales. It would also introduce further risks to FLS due to the delay in upgrading.

FLS intends to observe a 10-day standstill period, which will start on the day of publication of this notice and is expected to end on 31st January 2022.

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

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:

The current contract for software upgrade is timebound and having to establish a contract for hosting through a different route to market would add significant time and resource, and put the organisation in a breach of the existing contract due to the breach of timescales. It would also introduce further risks to FLS due to the delay in upgrading.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 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

Advanced Business Software & Solutions Ltd

Ditton Park, Riding Court Road

Datchet

SL3 9LL

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: £206,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Inverness Justice Centre

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 , may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

Court of Session

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