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Awarded contract

Provision of Temporary Agency Workers for Northern Ireland Civil Service, Agencies and Non Departmental Public Bodies

Department of Finance

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Temporary Agency Workers for Northern Ireland Civil Service, Agencies and Non Departmental Public Bodies

Reference number

3125899

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Contract is for the provision of temporary Agency Workers as defined by Regulation 3 of the Agency Workers Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (AWRs). The Contractor shall act as an Employment Business (as defined in Section 13(3) of the Employment Agencies Act 1973) when introducing Agency Workers for Assignments with the Client. The Contractor shall undertake the services of supplying Agency Workers to work temporarily for and under the supervision and direction of the Client, including undertaking searches for appropriately qualified staff, undertaking pre-supply checks, contracting with, paying and taxing temporary staff, and general administration relating to the day to day supply of temporary staff.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £425,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

DfC Administration Roles and Corporate Functions

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - NORTHERN IRELAND

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Administration Roles and Corporate Functions excluding DfC

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - NORTHERN IRELAND

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Professional and Technical

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Environmental, Scientific Services and Medical

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.2.3) Place of performance

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Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Agricultural, Environmental and Conservation

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.2.3) Place of performance

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Ancillary and Industrial

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.2.3) Place of performance

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Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Legal

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

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II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Youth and Social Care

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.2.3) Place of performance

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Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 60

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 195-473217](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Lot No

1

Title

DfC Administration Roles and Corporate Functions

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 January 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 11

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 11

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £300,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £300,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2

Lot No

2

Title

Administration Roles and Corporate Functions (excluding DfC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 January 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 11

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

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The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £58,500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £58,500,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

3

Lot No

3

Title

Professional and Technical

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 January 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £16,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £16,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

4

Lot No

4

Title

Environmental, Scientific Services and Medical

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 January 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

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The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £16,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £16,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

5

Lot No

5

Title

Agricultural, Environmental and Conservation

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 January 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

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The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £11,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £11,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

6

Lot No

6

Title

Ancillary and Industrial

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 January 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

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The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

7

Lot No

7

Title

Legal

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 January 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £15,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £15,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

8

Lot No

8

Title

Youth and Social Care

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 January 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

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

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The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £7,500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £7,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The successful contractor's performance on this contract will be managed as per the specification and regularly monitored (see Procurement Guidance Note 01/12 — Contract Management — Procedures and Principles). Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and this Contract may be terminated. A central register of such Notices for supplies and services contracts will be maintained and published on the CPD website. Any contractor in receipt of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will be required to declare this in future tender submissions for a period of 3 years from the date of issue of the notice. It may also result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures

N/A

Country

United Kingdom