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Contract

BC-10754 Bedfordshire Schools Trust ICT

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F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040cb4

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Bedfordshire Schools Trust

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Shefford

SG17 5QS

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

National registration number

07546141

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.bestacademies.org.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/placegroup.aspx/Home>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

BC-10754 Bedfordshire Schools Trust ICT

Reference number

BC-10754

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 Bedfordshire Schools Trust (BEST) was incorporated in August 2016 following on from a previous organisation called Bedfordshire East Multi-school Trust (BMAT). The Trust now includes three middle deemed secondary schools, six primary schools, one secondary school and three nurseries. Currently ICT support is provided across the Trust through an outsourced provider. It is envisaged that staff members employed by the current provider will be eligible for TUPE. The Successful Bidder will be expected to manage the complete IT lifecycle of the schools from initial advice and installation through to the day-to-day support and management. The services under this contract will comprise of managed ICT support services, ICT equipment and consumables, licenses and broadband. The Trust or the schools may also utilise the new provider for additional sourcing as and when required e.g., for Wi-Fi upgrades.

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: £5,000,000

II.2) Description**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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manage the complete IT lifecycle of the schools from initial advice and installation through to the day-to-day support and management. The services under this contract will comprise of managed ICT support services, ICT equipment and consumables, licenses and broadband. The Trust or the schools may also utilise the new provider for additional sourcing as and when required e.g., for Wi-Fi upgrades. The Contract period will be for 3 years initially with the option to extend for a two year period. Estimated full contract value is expected to be in the region of £5,000,000 including VAT, 30% of this value is the expected spend for the managed ICT support services. The services are to be provided at the following address: Samuel Whitbread Academy (Pfi), Shefford Road, Clifton, Shefford, SG17 5QS
 Etonbury Academy, Stotfold Road, Arlesey, SG15 6XS
 Pix Brook Academy, Arlesey Road, Stotfold, SG5 4HB
 Robert Bloomfield Academy, Bloomfield Drive, Shefford, SG17 5BU
 St Christophers Academy, Gorham Way, Dunstable, LU5 4NJ
 Gothic Mede Academy, High Street, Arlesey, SG15 6SL
 Langford Village Academy, Church Street, Langford, Biggleswade, SG18 9QA
 Lawnside Academy, Lawnside, Biggleswade, SG18 0LX
 Gravenhurst Academy, High Street, Gravenhurst, Bedford, MK45 4HY
 Campton Academy, Rectory Road, Campton, Shefford, SG17 5PF
 Central team provision – Central office on Samuel Whitbread site
 BEST Nursery Arlesey, High St, Arlesey SG15 6SL
 BEST Nursery Shefford, Shefford Rd, Clifton, Shefford SG17 5QS
 BEST Nursery Langford, Langford Academy, Church Street, Langford SG18 9QA
 It is anticipated over the course of the contract that additional schools may join the Trust in the future who will roll into this contract.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Restricted 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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

BC-10754

Title

Managed ICT

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

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: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Partnership Education Limited

Cranfield Innovation Centre, University Way Cranfield Technology Park

Milton Keynes

MK43 0BT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £5,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Court of Justice

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom