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Award

DE CCEA Specialist Support for the Development of Computer-Adaptive Tests

Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029077

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

DE CCEA Specialist Support for the Development of Computer-Adaptive Tests

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 Department of Education Northern Ireland, Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessments require specialist support for the development of computer-adaptive tests. This notice is to advise the award of contract to an economic operator to allow for the provision of necessary services required for the contract, due to technical reasons. The Contractor is the sole provider to the software under PCR 2015 regulation 32

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: £106,550

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72230000 - Custom software development services
- 72260000 - Software-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 250-626926](#)

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

2 February 2021

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

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Cambridge

CB2 1AG

Email

vp288@cam.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £106,550

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015

United Kingdom

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contract Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). The authority published a VEAT Notice (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) before this contract was awarded.