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

Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment

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# Section I: Contracting authority/entity

## I.1) Name and addresses

Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment

29 Clarendon Road

**BELFAST** 

BT13BG

#### **Email**

ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

#### 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

• UKNO - 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

The Psychometric Centre, Cambridge Judge Business School Executive Education

**Trumpington Street** 

Cambridge

CB21AG

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £106,550

# 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** 

Country

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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.