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Contract

## **Northumberland Small Business Service Provision of Technical Specialists and 1:2:1 support**

Advance Northumberland Limited

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-040c73

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Advance Northumberland Limited

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NE61 2EF

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC21 - Northumberland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.advancenorthumberland.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.advancenorthumberland.co.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Northumberland Small Business Service Provision of Technical Specialists and 1:2:1 support

Reference number

DN694814

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

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Authority as the lead authority.

The Northumberland Small Business Service (NSBS) Programme will be delivered over a 3-year period from 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2026 which will deliver business diagnostic and brokerage services available to all small and micro businesses across Northumberland.

Advance Northumberland wishes to appoint a supplier that can provide a pool of Technical Specialists to work alongside the NSBS programme. The selected supplier will facilitate the provision of 1-2-1 advice to eligible businesses identified by the project and accepted onto the NSBS Programme. In order to deliver the 1-2-1 specialist support effectively, we wish to appoint a supplier that can provide a pool of Technical Specialists specialised in the following themes:

- Business planning

- Financial planning/modelling
- New product development support
- Resilience planning
- Taxation and exemption
- Sales strategies and work winning
- Digital Marketing
- Digital Enablement and Transformation
- Subsidy control and procurement guidance
- Market opportunities and demand
- Supply chain efficiencies and requirements
- Succession planning.
- Legal structures
- Innovation

This support will equate to between 3-12 hours of eligible support per business depending upon their requirements.

#### **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: £381,150

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC21 - Northumberland

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

#### **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

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## **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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-030511](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

26 January 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 13

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Northumberland Small Business Service Ltd

6 Esther Court, Wansbeck Business Park, Rotary Parkway,

Ashington

NE63 8AP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC21 - Northumberland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £381,150

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom