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Contract

Integrated HR, Payroll, Finance and Procurement Solution for the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission BR-040-2021

NI Assembly

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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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

Other activity

Legislature

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Integrated HR, Payroll, Finance and Procurement Solution for the Northern Ireland Assembly
Commission BR-040-2021

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 Northern Ireland Assembly Commission (the Assembly Commission) is seeking to procure a single contractor to provide, implement and maintain a cloud hosted SaaS integrated HR, payroll, finance and procurement solution. This is likely to be an off-the-shelf solution with minimal customisations. The procurement exercise will be conducted in accordance with the competitive negotiation procedure pursuant to Regulation 29 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) (Regulations) (PCR). The Assembly Commission wishes to conduct an efficient, effective and streamlined competitive negotiation process and does not wish to engage in any unnecessary negotiations that imposes costs on all parties and causes delay. Accordingly, it is envisaged that certain limits will be placed on the extent of negotiations that will be permitted. The Assembly Commission will only accept tender bids that propose a solution model that meets the key requirements for HR, payroll and finance and is within our estimated maximum budget of £3M for the entire duration of the contract. A single solution may be proposed by a single contractor or a consortium of suppliers may come together propose a solution, but must be led by a single lead contractor. Alternatively, a series of solutions may be proposed again by one supplier or a consortiums of suppliers, but must also be led by a single lead contractor. To be clear, the Assembly Commission will only enter into one contract for this solution. The lead contractor will be responsible for any other suppliers/sub-contractors with whom they propose to work together to provide a solution for the Assembly Commission. The lead contractor will act as the single point of contact for the Assembly Commission and will hold responsibility for dealing with all contractual matters for the Assembly Commission. As the over-arching objective of the Systems Review Project is a move to having one version of the truth, prevention of duplication of data and access to information across the solution in real time, the decision was taken to appoint a sole contractor to manage, maintain and

underwrite the solution configuration who will take overall responsibility for the implementation, maintenance and support of the entire configured solution so that these project objectives are achieved. Awarding multiple contracts or splitting the in-scope functions into separate contracts will not be facilitated. This contract will be awarded to one supplier for a period of 5 years. There will be five optional extension periods of up to one year each. It is the intention that the highest ranked tender submission will be awarded this contract. The Assembly Commission recognise that there are a number of solutions in the marketplace that can provide an integrated solution that will meet our needs. In order to manage expectations of potential Tenderers, the Assembly Commission are placing a cap on the overall IT solution implementation and ongoing licensing, support and maintenance costs over a ten year period of £3m.

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: £3,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72250000 - System and support services
- 72260000 - Software-related services
- 72261000 - Software support services
- 72262000 - Software development services
- 72263000 - Software implementation services
- 72264000 - Software reproduction services
- 72265000 - Software configuration services
- 72267000 - Software maintenance and repair services
- 72268000 - Software supply services

- 72210000 - Programming services of packaged software products
- 72211000 - Programming services of systems and user software
- 72212000 - Programming services of application software
- 72212100 - Industry specific software development services
- 72212440 - Financial analysis and accounting software development services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKN - Northern Ireland
- UKN0 - Northern Ireland
- UKN06 - Belfast

Main site or place of performance

Belfast, Northern Ireland

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: As detailed in tender documents / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: As detailed in tender documents / Weighting: 30

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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

1

Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 January 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

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: 5

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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NUTS code

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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: £3,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £1,650,000

Proportion: 55 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Software Licensing Costs

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

N/A

N/A

Country

United Kingdom