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Entertainment at Events

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

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Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Entertainment at Events

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 92340000 - Dance and performance entertainment services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Framework for the provision of children's entertainment services and specialist entertainment services at Council events

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £170,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Children's Entertainment Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 92340000 - Dance and performance entertainment services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of a variety of Children's Entertainment Services at Council events such as face painting, balloon modelling, petting farm, walkabout characters, etc.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery Proposals / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

option to extend for up to 12 months

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Specialist Entertainment Services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 92340000 - Dance and performance entertainment services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of a variety of Specialist Entertainment Services suitable for Good Relations events

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery Proposals / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

option to extend for up to 12 months

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:

Following a competitive process in 2022, a contract was awarded to the various tenderers who were the only tenderers for their respective entertainment services. They have been operating as the Council's service providers from award of the contract. Due to the unforeseeable death of the Queen and subsequent coronation of King Charles, the scope and scale of the contract required expansion to accommodate the necessary public events associated with the change and thereby necessitated additional services to hold such events. This has created an increase in the value of the contract that was unforeseeable at the time of tender. In addition, and as demonstrated in the competitive tender process, the awarded companies are the only ones in Northern Ireland capable of providing the services required necessary for events. A new procurement process will be initiated in early 2024. This contract will only be in place until a new contract can be established through a competitive procurement process.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

1

Title

Children's Entertainment Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Friendly Faces

Portadown

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN07 - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Kidz Farm

Londonderry

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Carnival Promotions

Larne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0F - Mid and East Antrim

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Cromore Castles

Portstewart

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0C - Causeway Coast and Glens

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £100,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Lot No

2

Title

Specialist Entertainment Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 October 2022

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

Artsekta

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN06 - Belfast

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £70,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice - High Court

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom