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Contract

Take it away Scheme Credit Provider Contract

CREATIVE SECTOR SERVICES C.I.C.

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Independent Community Interest Company in receipt of public funding

I.5) Main activity

Recreation, culture and religion

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Take it away Scheme Credit Provider Contract

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of consumer credit services for the purchase of musical instruments and related goods.

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: £1,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Take it away Scheme is a publicly funded initiative designed to make it more affordable for people to get involved in learning and playing music by providing interest free loans of between £100 and £25,000 for the purchase of musical instruments, equipment, software any other associated goods or services they may need (such as a block of tuition) in order to

get started or further develop their music practice.

The public funding invested by Creative United in the delivery of the Scheme primarily focuses on assisting parents over the age of 18 with the purchase of an instrument for a child under the age of 18 ("Under 18s scheme"), and young musicians aged 18-25 who can apply to use the scheme in their own right ("18-25s scheme"). However, the Scheme's overarching remit is to provide support and encouragement to musicians of all ages and abilities, as well as for musical instrument retailers and other organisations across the music sector.

The Scheme is open to all qualifying UK residents over the age of 18 (subject to status) and made available via a network of approved musical instrument retailers in England. A variation of the scheme in partnership with the Arts Council of Northern Ireland is available exclusively to Northern Ireland Residents over the age of 18.

The principal service required is the provision of Fixed-Sum Loan Agreements (where necessary, regulated by the Consumer Credit Act 1974) for:

(a) providing loans to Customers attending a Member Retailer's premises when applying for the loan for the purpose of acquiring musical instruments and related goods, services, and accessories;

and

(b) Customers acquiring musical instruments and related goods, services and accessories, through remote channels such as e-commerce and/or Mail-Order processes.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

A maximum of three (3) 12 month extensions to the agreement are offered under this contract, at the discretion of the contracting authority and subject to performance review.

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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

17 September 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Omni Capital Retail Finance Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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