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Contract

DAC 99/23 - Invest NI support and Maintenance of a People Management Solution

DfE - Invest NI

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041e21

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

DfE - Invest NI

Bedford Square, Bedford Street

BELFAST

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Contact

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Email

SSDadmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DAC 99/23 - Invest NI support and Maintenance of a People Management Solution

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79211110 - Payroll management services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a Direct award for the continued support and maintenance of Invest NI People

Management Solution

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: £175,412.28

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 48450000 - Time accounting or human resources software package
- 79211110 - Payroll management services
- 79631000 - Personnel and payroll services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a Direct award for the continued support and maintenance of Invest NI People Management Solution

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

Invest NI require continued support and maintenance of their current People Management solution to e to facilitate the storage and

management of business-critical information and provide business continuity. This Direct Award Contract (DAC) will be for a period of 3 years.

The Supplier owns the IPR of the current system and are the only company who can provide support for the system, therefore it is not possible for another contractor to provide this support service. In accordance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 Regulations there is derogation to award the contract to a single supplier where the service can only be supplied by a particular supplier where competition is absent for technical reasons (reg 32(2)(b)(ii)) and for reasons connected with the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights (reg 32(2)(b)(iii)).

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

5 February 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

MHR International UK Limited

Ruddington Hall

NOTTINGHAM

NG11 6JS

Email

bidteam@mhrglobal.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £175,412.28

Total value of the contract/lot: £175,412.28

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. 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 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.