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## **DOJ DAC 19/22 - FSNI - Northern Ireland DNA Administration System**

Forensic Science Northern Ireland

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/topics/forensic-science/forensic-science-northern-ireland>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

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

Body governed by public law

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

DOJ DAC 19/22 - FSNI - Northern Ireland DNA Administration System

#### **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**

This Direct Award Contract is to cover expenditure for the continuing support and maintenance of the FSNI DNA Administration system and the NI DNA database (NIDNAD).

#### **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: £149,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

This Direct Award Contract is to cover expenditure for the continuing support and maintenance of the FSNI DNA Administration system and the NI DNA database (NIDNAD).

#### **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

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:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

This contract is awarded in accordance with the following derogations under the regulations:

I. Where competition is absent for technical reasons (regulation 32(2)(b)(ii);

II. For reasons connected with the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights (reg32(2)(b) iii) but only where no reasonable alternative or substitute exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement.

The local DNA management system is a bespoke and integral part of the FSNI DNA profiling service required by PSNI under the Criminal Justice and Police & Criminal Evidence Act (PACE). IPR relating to the approaches, coding methodologies, techniques and tools for matching and processing suspects belong to the Economic Operator. This direct award contract will allow for ongoing maintenance, service development and ensure ongoing availability and functionality.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

9 February 2023

#### **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**

Information withheld for security reasons

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[Justice.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Justice.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

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

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £149,000

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## **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

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#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation. procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead, any challenges are dealt with by. the High Court, Commercial Division, to. which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged. breaches of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).