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Award

Overseas Qualification mapping and verification (TRA)

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Overseas Qualification mapping and verification (TRA)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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New Zealand and the USA to apply for their professional qualifications to be automatically recognised in

England. Successful applicants are awarded qualified teacher status (QTS) without needing to complete

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through the current system. Teachers who have trained in other overseas countries cannot apply for

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comparable level of training and experience to an English trained teacher. The criterium for the new

framework is more extensive than the criteria overseas teachers need to meet under the current recognition

system.

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: £179,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Contract includes option to extend the contract for a further 12 months, taking the maximum term to 36

months, at an additional value of up to £100,000.

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Direct Award due to only viable provider for the services required.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 January 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

Ecctis Limited

Suffolk House, 68-70 Suffolk Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2ED.

Cheltenham

GL50 2ED

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £179,000

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

The High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom