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Contract

DfE - Invest NI - Design, Management and Delivery of the Accelerator Programme

Invest NI

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-004276

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041bf1

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Invest NI

Bedford Square, 1 Bedford Street

BELFAST

BT2 7ES

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

DfE - Invest NI - Design, Management and Delivery of the Accelerator Programme

Reference number

4908603

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Invest NI wishes to appoint a Contractor to design, develop, manage and deliver an Accelerator programme to support high growth Innovation Driven Enterprises (IDEs) to establish in Northern Ireland. This programme will represent a key component of the start-up ecosystem for IDEs in Northern Ireland.

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: £2,340,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73220000 - Development consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial contract period is for 2 years with the option to extend for a further 3 periods of up to 12 months each.

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

Open procedure

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

Notice number: [2023/S 000-034534](#)

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

30 January 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

IAN BROWNE

5 Quinville

HOLYWOOD

BT18 9DH

Email

ianjbrowne@gmail.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,540,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,340,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The successful Contractor's performance will be managed as per the specification, and regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a Contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be grounds for termination of the contract at the Contractor's expense. In lieu of termination they may be issued with a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A central register of such Notices for supplies and services Contracts will be maintained and published on the CPD website. Any Contractor in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or Notices of Unsatisfactory Performance will be required to declare this in future tender submissions for a period of three years from the date of issue of the Notice. It may also result in the Contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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

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 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.