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Contract

Gift Cards & Vouchers

North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/91080>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Sub-central contracting authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Gift Cards & Vouchers

Reference number

OFF3019NW

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 18530000 - Presents and rewards

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NWUPC are establishing a multi-provider Framework Agreement on behalf of the members of NWUPC, APUC, CPC, HEPCW, LUPC, NEUPC, and SUPC for Gift Cards & Vouchers. The scope will include Prepaid Vouchers and Gift Cards including Closed Loop, Open Loop, Controlled Loop, Restricted Loop, and Implied Loop options. Suppliers must be able to offer both physical voucher and gift card options, and digital options such as e-gift cards. This list is not exhaustive. This Framework Agreement will commence on 1st December 2023 for an initial period of 24 months until 30th November 2025 with the option to extend the Agreement for 12 months until 30th November 2026 and a further 12 months until 30th November 2027 subject to satisfactory Economic Operator performance.

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: £15,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Description of the procurement

The scope of the Framework Agreement, is as follows:

Prepaid Vouchers and Gift Cards including Closed Loop, Open Loop, Controlled Loop, Restricted Loop, and Implied Loop options. Suppliers must be able to offer both physical voucher and gift card options, and digital options such as e-gift cards. This list is not exhaustive.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Requirements / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 70

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

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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 000-037817](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Gift Cards & Vouchers

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 January 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Appreciate Business Services

Birkenhead

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Blackhawk Network EMEA Ltd.

Apsley

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Diggecard UK Limited

Workingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Electrical World Ltd t/a Phairs

Enniskillen

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £15,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is the second award notice to be published for this tender following delays to supplier award.

The following organisations have committed to this procurement and intend to utilise the Framework Agreement as soon as possible after award:

NWUPC <https://www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members>

APUC <http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/members>

HEPCW <http://www.hepcw.ac.uk/about-us-2/>

LUPC <https://www.lupc.ac.uk/member-list>

NEUPC <http://www.neupc.ac.uk/our-members>

SUPC <https://www.supc.ac.uk/about-us/our-members/our-members>

CPC <https://www.thecpc.ac.uk/members/>

The Framework Agreement is open to the current and future Member Institutions & affiliated Public Sector Bodies including FE colleges and the Research Councils (<http://www.ukri.org/>) as defined by the above Consortia. Links to the membership of each Consortium are provided in 1.4.1.

At some point during the life of the Framework Agreement the current members of the following may wish to utilise the Agreement and should have access at any point with the permission of NWUPC. This Agreement is not intended to replace any current Agreements that either participating or non-participating Institutions may already have in place. A list of the current members is available as follows:

Central Government Departments, Local Government and Public Corporations that can be accessed at the Public Sector Classification Guide

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/uksectoraccounts/datasets/publicsectorclassificationguide>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

Local Authorities

<https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

<https://www.local.gov.uk>

NDPBs

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

National Parks Authorities

<https://www.nationalparks.uk/>

Police Forces in the United Kingdom

http://www.police.uk/?view=force_sites

<https://www.police-information.co.uk/index.html>

Fire and Rescue Services in the United Kingdom

<https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/fire-and-rescue-services>

NHS Bodies England

<https://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories/pages/nhstrustlisting.aspx>

Hospices in the UK

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/hospice-care-finder>

Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/registered-providers-of-social-housing>

Third Sector and Charities in the United Kingdom

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>

<http://www.oscr.org.uk>

Citizens Advice in the United Kingdom

<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/getadvice.htm>

www.cas.org.uk

Scottish Police

<http://www.scotland.police.uk>

NI Public Bodies

Northern Ireland Government Departments

<https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/topics/your-executive/government-departments>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/government-departments-in-northern-ireland>

Northern Ireland Public Sector Bodies and Local Authorities

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>

Schools and Universities in Northern Ireland

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/>

Health and Social care in Northern Ireland

<http://online.hscni.net>

Northern Ireland Housing Associations

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/housing-associations>

Police Service of Northern Ireland

<https://www.psni.police.uk>

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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