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#### Contract

# eFinancials Software Hosting

Forestry and Land Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### I.1) Name and addresses

Forestry and Land Scotland

Great Glen House, Leachkin Road

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#### **Email**

Procurement@forestryandland.gov.scot

#### **Telephone**

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#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

UKM - Scotland

### Internet address(es)

Main address

http://www.forestryandland.gov.scot

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA3037

## I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

## I.5) Main activity

Environment

## **Section II: Object**

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

eFinancials Software Hosting

Reference number

C0238

#### 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

The contract is for provision of hosting to enable the upgrade of FLS' eFinancials software.

#### 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: £206,000

### II.2) Description

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72260000 Software-related services
- 72250000 System and support services
- 72251000 Disaster recovery services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

· UKM - Scotland

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

FLS has made a decision to upgrade a current version of finance software due to the risk of being out of support. As the current server and associated infrastructure does not have the capacity to support this, an upgrade to the infrastructure is required.

Not responding to the required hosting change would result in the organisation's eFinancials system falling out of support, which carries a high risk of inability to deal with system failure and to maintain adequate system security.

FLS therefore awarded this contract for the provision of hosting services without competition to the current supplier of the software.

The current contract for software upgrade is timebound

and having to establish a contract for hosting through a different route to market would add significant time and resource, and put the organisation in a breach of the existing contract due to the breach of timescales. It would also introduce further risks to FLS due to the delay in upgrading.

#### 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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

#### **Explanation:**

The current contract for software upgrade is timebound and having to establish a contract for hosting through a different route to market would add significant time and resource, and put the organisation in a breach of the existing contract due to the breach of timescales. It would also introduce further risks to FLS due to the delay in upgrading.

#### 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: 2022/S 000-001611

### Section V. Award of contract

#### **Contract No**

C0238

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

14 January 2022

#### 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: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

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

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Advanced Business Software & Solutions Ltd

Ditton Park, Riding Court Road

Datchet

SL3 9LL

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £206,000

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

## VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:683850)

### VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Inverness Justice Centre

Longman Road

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Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

Court of Session

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