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Contract

DAC 153/22 TEO - Homes for Ukraine Scheme - Monthly thank you payments

Department of Finance

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03a5d7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department of Finance

303 Airport Road West

BELFAST

BT39ED

Email

ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

DAC 153/22 TEO - Homes for Ukraine Scheme - Monthly thank you payments

Reference number

DAC 153/22

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The contract is for the implementation of optional monthly payment to sponsors under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme in Northern Ireland. On a weekly basis, the Department will provide Bryson Care with a data set of sponsors who have successfully completed all of the necessary safeguarding and accommodation checks and are now eligible for payment - subject to satisfactory completion of a standard declaration. Bryson Care will verify identity and collect relevant information required to calculate the payment amount and

make the payment. Payment runs will be made on a weekly basis.

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: £198,436.40

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66100000 - Banking and investment services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

On 18th March 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) launched the Homes for Ukraine (HFU) Scheme, allowing visa applications from Ukrainian nationals and their family members to come to the UK if they have a named person willing to sponsor^[1] them in the UK. Northern Ireland is participating in the HFU Scheme, with c.2,000 arrivals from Ukraine to end-December 2022.

In recognition of sponsor's generosity and knowing there will be costs associated, the UK Government offers an optional 'thank you' payment per month to sponsors under the HFU Scheme. The Executive Office (TEO) is the NICS Department with lead responsibility for implementation of the optional monthly payment to sponsors. The contract is for the implementation of the optional monthly payment to sponsors. It is expected there will be approximately 3,000 Ukrainian arrivals into Northern Ireland under the HFU Scheme. As noted above, there are c.2,000 here now with sponsors, with approximately 650 second home visits undertaken, 600 of whom are, or soon will be, in receipt of monthly payments.

On receipt of a data set from the Department, Bryson Care will contact sponsors to:

- (i) verify identity;
- (ii) check whether they wish to apply for the optional monthly payment;
- (iii) confirm eligibility; and

(iv) collect the information required to arrange payment:

- a. guest(s) arrival date in the home;
- b. any subsequent departure date;
- c. confirmation of contact details for both host and guest; and
- d. any other relevant information

Bryson Care will subsequently contact those sponsors who have opted to receive payment, on a monthly basis, to check continuing eligibility and reaffirm bank account details.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Capability and capacity / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The value at II.1.7 - is the maximum value, it is based on the best estimate available at time of publication.

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 value of this Direct Award Contract (DAC) is above the UK threshold and therefore the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) apply. There are a number of derogations under the regulations to award a contract to a single supplier where the supplies or services can only be supplied by a particular supplier. In this case, where competition is absent for technical reasons (regulation 32(2)(b)(ii); and in cases of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseen or attributable to the contracting authority, where the time limits for the open, restricted or competitive procedures with negotiation cannot be complied with (regulation 32(2)(c)).

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

Contract No

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Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bryson Care

2 Rivers Edge

Belfast

BT6 8DN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £198,436.40

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK has no such bodies

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom