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Contract

£124,144,297

Department for Work and Pensions

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-004733

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

£124,144,297

Reference number

Publication reference: 2018/S 160-367327

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72223000 - Information technology requirements review services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

72000000

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

This modification is an extension of the contract awarded to the supplier in 2018 as last modified in 2018 under publication reference 2018/S 160-367327. The contract is for the provision of managed IT services to the Authority. Following this modification, the contract is now due to expire on 28.2.2025 (the ASIS Contract). The ASIS Contract supports the

Authority's separate contract for health and disability assessment services (HDAS) for a range of social security and other benefits (including Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit). It was extended under this modification for 3 years to enable the service to be safely transitioned prior to the ultimate migration to the DWP Health Assessment Service (HAS) digital service.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

9 June 2014

End date

28 February 2025

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 V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

ecm_2208

Title

Assessment Service Information Systems (ASIS) Contract

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

9 June 2014

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Atos IT Services UK Limited

Second Floor, Mid City Place, 71 High Holborn

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £124,144,297

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Suppliers Instructions:

How to Express Interest in this Tender:

1. Register on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once):

<https://dwp.bravosolution.co.uk> & click the link to register - Accept the terms & conditions & click 'continue' - Enter your correct business & user details - Note your chosen username & click 'Save'. You will receive an email with your password (keep this secure)

2. Express an Interest in the tender - Login to the portal with the username/password - Click the 'PQQs / ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires or Invitations to Tender open to any registered supplier) - Click on the relevant exercise to access the content. - Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. - This will move the PQQ /ITT into your 'My PQQs/ My ITTs' page. (A secure area reserved for your projects only) -You can now access any attachments by clicking

'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ/ ITT Details' box

3. Responding to the tender - Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining) - You can now use the 'Messages' function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification - Note the deadline for completion. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ/ ITT - There may be a mixture of online & offline actions to complete (detailed online help available). To submit your reply use the 'Submit Response' button (top of the page).

For further assistance please consult the online help, or the eTendering help desk.

DWP expressly reserves the rights(i)to use a reverse auction; (ii)to cancel this procurement at any stage; (iii)to not award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (iv)and in no circumstances will DWP be liable for any costs incurred by potential suppliers.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Review procedures are as set out in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Proceedings under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 are time limited, and any such proceedings must be brought in the High Court of England and Wales.

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 72223000 - Information technology requirements review services

VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK - United Kingdom

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

This modification is an extension of the Contract awarded to the Supplier in 2014 as last modified in 2018 under publication reference: 2018/S 160-367327 for the provision of managed IT services to the Authority. Following this modification, the contract is now due to expire on 28.2.2025 (the ASIS Contract). The ASIS Contract supports the Authority's separate contract for health and disability assessment services (HDAS) for a range of social security and other benefits (including Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit). It was extended under this modification for 3 years to enable the service to be safely transitioned prior to the ultimate migration to the DWP Health Assessment Service (HAS) digital service.

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

9 June 2014

End date

28 February 2025

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£124,144,297

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Atos IT Services UK Limited

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Country

United Kingdom

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- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The ASIS Contract was awarded on 9 June 2014. It was modified in 2018 to include options to extend and under that modification was due to expire on 28 February 2022. This notice confirms that a further extension has been made to the ASIS Contract to effect a necessary extension of 3 years so the ASIS Contract will now expire on 28 February 2025.

The extension period is necessary to ensure the Department can continue to support live service for health and disability assessments, provide business continuity for the HDAS contract, ensure this digital service is able to support the Department's future requirements for health assessment services and support the DWP's proposed future strategy for the ASIS service which, in essence, is continued provision of ASIS through to a controlled migration to DWP's Health Assessment Service (HAS). In order to bridge the period between the existing ASIS contract and this migration, DWP will initially need to extend the current ASIS Contract.

A 3-year extension of the service is required due to the significant technical and time restrictions of all other options. Extension of the contract will provide the following benefits:

- service continuity will be maintained;

- implementation of the optimum solution for delivery of ASIS services post February 2025 will continue to be taken forward in the period following execution of the extension
- implementation of the necessary mandatory projects required to both ensure that the ongoing services for health and disability assessments continue to be supported and facilitate transition to another provider prior to expiry of the extension .

For these reasons, as explained more fully in Section IV and Annex D, the Department considers the proposed extension to be justifiable under Regulation 72 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, namely Regulation 72(1)(b). The amendments comprising the extension will not be made before the end of a period of at least 10 days from the day after the date of publication of this notice.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

The extension of the ASIS Contract was necessary to maintain the service for the health and disability assessments it supports, and accommodate the changing requirements for future delivery of assessments following Covid-19. Not extending the Contract would ultimately have resulted in a virtual closure of the gateway to income replacement benefit of c.£15b of AME spend per annum.

The previous DWP strategy, reflected in the last extension of the ASIS Contract in 2018, was transition from the ASIS Contract into a new in-house digital solution by February 2022. However, substantial changes in the direction of the Health Transformation Programme (HTP) and in the IT strategy underpinning the HTP mean that completing the transition to HAS by February 2022 was no longer achievable. The HTP has also been significantly impacted by Covid-19 and the revised strategy imposed operational constraints on the timelines and transition for the ASIS services required to support delivery.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £91,732,642

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £124,144,297

