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## **DAC 158/21 - DE - CCEA - Specialist support for the development of Computer Adaptive Tests (CATs)**

Department of Education

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department of Education

Rathgael House, 43 Balloo Road

Bangor

BT19 7PR

#### **Email**

[SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

DAC 158/21 - DE - CCEA - Specialist support for the development of Computer Adaptive Tests (CATs)

#### **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**

A break in the continuation of CCEA Adaptive Assessments would have a detrimental impact on the progress of the assessments to date and be disruptive to the large number of schools that have now invested in such services, particularly at a time when no other assessment alternative is centrally available.

#### **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: £106,500

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

From the information provided, it would appear there are sufficient reasons to justify an award of contract to The Psychometric Centre, Cambridge Judge Business School Executive Education, due to technical reasons in that the supplier is the sole provider of the open source platform and that a competitive market does not exist (based on the outcome of the CPD PME completed in April 2018).

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

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

24 February 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

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

The Psychometric Centre, Cambridge Judge Business School Executive Education

Cambridge

CB2 1AG

Email

[contact@psychometrics.cam.ac.uk](mailto:contact@psychometrics.cam.ac.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

[www.psychometrics.cam.ac.uk](http://www.psychometrics.cam.ac.uk)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £106,500

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement. competitions. Instead any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 amended

As above

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contract Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). The. authority incorporates a standstill period (i.e a minimum of 10 calendar days) before this contract is awarded.