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### **Pension Administration Software**

Cyngor Gwynedd Council

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# Section I: Contracting authority/entity

### I.1) Name and addresses

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#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

UKL12 - Gwynedd

### Internet address(es)

Main address

http://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0361

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

# I.5) Main activity

General public services

# **Section II: Object**

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Pension Administration Software

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 75100000 - Administration services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

### II.1.4) Short description

Gwynedd Council on behalf of the Gwynedd Pension Fund is awarding a contract for the

delivery of Pension Administration Software for the duration of five years from the 17th of Sept 2024 to the 16th of Sept 2029.

#### 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: £1,593,315

### II.2) Description

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

48000000 - Software package and information systems

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKL12 - Gwynedd

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The contract has been awarded under regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) because it is not possible for

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supplier other than the incumbent to continue this service for technical reasons. There are

no reasonable alternatives and the parameters of the procurement (including timescales)

are driven by the circumstances the Council finds itself in and have not been artificially

narrowed. These circumstances are:

1. The impact and timing of McCloud on LGPS funds meaning that it is not possible to

scope

the technical requirements or implement a transition to a new supplier to coincide with the

current contract cycle.

2. The unreasonable cost (due to scarcity) of resource to dedicate to a transition to a new

supplier, due to difficulty recruiting staff within pensions administration.

3. LGPS changes to the re-evaluation dates of pensions have altered the technical

parameters of the system in a manner that can only be met by the incumbent system.

4. The above changes in pensions law and guidance (which have been outside of the

control

of the Council) mean that the timescales required for procurement and transition to a new

supplier (between 12 -18 months) are such that it is not technically possible for any other

provider to fulfil the Council's service requirements at the time required (Regulation

32(2)(c) relied on in the alternative).

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:

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below.

The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:

absence of competition for technical reasons

#### Explanation:

Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the regulations states:

- (2) The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:—
- (b)where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons:—
- (ii)competition is absent for technical reasons,

#### 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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

22 January 2024

#### 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

Heywood Pension Technologies

2nd Floor, 3 Barrington Road

Altrincham

**WA141GY** 

Telephone

+44 1615280887

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD3 - Greater Manchester

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,593,315

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.3) Additional information

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https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search Switch.aspx?ID=138570.

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

**High Court** 

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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