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Contract

## **Curriculum for Wales Formative Evaluation**

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

Gwasanaethau Caffael Corfforaethol / Corporate Procurement Services, Parc Cathays / Cathays Park

Caerdydd / Cardiff

CF10 3NQ

#### **Contact**

Corporate Procurement Services

#### **Email**

[cpsprocurementadvice@gov.wales](mailto:cpsprocurementadvice@gov.wales)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://gov.wales>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Curriculum for Wales Formative Evaluation

Reference number

C072/2023/2024

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73110000 - Research services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Welsh Government seeks to contract for a formative evaluation of the Curriculum for Wales which will provide us with the broad qualitative and quantitative picture of how the reforms are working, how practice is changing and how these changes are being experienced by practitioners, learners and their families. Each year it will include a limited number deep dive investigations to give us a more detailed understanding of specific priority curriculum elements or parts of the system.

#### **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: £1,397,259.85

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 79310000 - Market research services
- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

Curriculum for Wales is the cornerstone of the Welsh Government's efforts to reform education in Wales and build an education system that raises educational standards and enjoys public confidence. The four purposes of the curriculum are the starting point and aspiration for every child and young person in Wales.

Under the reforms each school is developing its own curriculum, supported by national guidance, which will enable learners to embody the four purposes of the curriculum. The Navigating the Curriculum for Wales Framework sets out the basic structure of the Curriculum for Wales.

The Client wishes to commission a formative evaluation of Curriculum for Wales to understand the extent to which the reforms are working as we want and expect. The specification sets out the requirements for the evaluation and suggestions for the method, but bidders are encouraged to propose alternative methods for meeting the objectives of work within the available budget and timescale.

The Scoping study for the evaluation of the curriculum and assessment reforms in Wales: final report published in July 2022 developed recommendations for a robust monitoring and evaluation programme.

A Curriculum for Wales (CfW) Evaluation Plan was published on 3 July 2023. It describes the shape and purpose of the formative evaluation in the context of the overall evaluation programme.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The total contract value stated includes GBP 1,400,000 for the initial contract term of 35 months and GBP 850,000 for the optional 18 months extension period.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **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: [2023/S 000-029854](#)

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

### **Contract No**

C072/2023/2024

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

22 January 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

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**

Arad Research

8 Columbus Walk, Brigantine Place

Cardiff

CF104BY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,397,259.85

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

(WA Ref:139209)

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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