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Contract

## **ICT-23-017 Data Backup Solution**

EDUCATION AUTHORITY

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043bae

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

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

EDUCATION AUTHORITY

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Contact**

Education Authority

#### **Email**

[ICT.Procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:ICT.Procure@eani.org.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://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

ICT-23-017 Data Backup Solution

Reference number

ICT-23-017

#### **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**

ICT-23-017 Data Backup Solution covering all EA locations throughout Northern Ireland.

#### **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: £199,319.71

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

This is a secondary competition which has been run from Framework RM6098 Lot 6, covering all EA locations throughout Northern Ireland.

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

A Backup Solution is a fundamental requirement within any ICT infrastructure. It ensures that business critical data, applications and servers can be restored after accidental deletion, system changes or hardware failure. It is essential that a reliable backup system is in place to mitigate the risk of data loss and downtime for users. A backup system is essential to underpin any kind of Disaster Recovery (DR) procedure for the Education Authority.

EANI backup and DR strategy is currently satisfied by the deployment of Quest Rapid Recovery on multiple sites backing up to a local backup appliance, and replicating to a central DR location.

The Education Authority is dependent on a wide range of ICT services provided by infrastructure located in distributed data centres, server rooms, and comms rooms spread across multiple EA sites. Access to the data contained on EA provided systems is business critical to a high proportion of EA staff. It is essential therefore that data is backed up securely, on resilient reliable systems.

EA's Networks & Infrastructure service have produced a technical strategy including a solutions roadmap, which details the requirements, design and architecture of systems which will most effectively address the need to protect against cyber threats and other risks, while continuing with the ongoing process of consolidation and optimisation of all ICT systems.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Price - Weighting: 90%

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **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:

This contract is not an award without prior notice.

This is a secondary competition from the original framework RM6098 Lot 6.

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

ICT-23-017

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

13 February 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 4

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

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

SPECIALIST COMPUTER CENTRES PLC

James House, Warwick Road

Birmingham

B11 2LE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £199,319.71

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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

Belfast

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