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Contract

## **ID 5117883 - DfE - SERC - The Supply and Delivery of Fruit, Vegetables and Fresh Produce for the Northern Ireland Further and Higher Education Colleges**

South Eastern Regional College  
FE Belfast Metropolitan College  
FE Northern Regional College  
FE North West Regional College  
FE South Eastern Regional College  
FE Southern Regional College  
FE South West College

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042622

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

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

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

The contract involves joint procurement

**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**

ID 5117883 - DfE - SERC - The Supply and Delivery of Fruit, Vegetables and Fresh Produce for the Northern Ireland Further and Higher Education Colleges

Reference number

ID 5117883

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

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

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £365,000

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

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College SERC

Lot No

1

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 80

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



Options: Yes

Description of options

The Client will have the option to extend the contract by two further periods of one year each.

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 – Southern Regional College SRC

Lot No

2

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can

bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 80

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Client will have the option to extend the contract by two further periods of one year each.

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 – South West College SWC

Lot No

3

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 80

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Client will have the option to extend the contract by two further periods of one year each.

#### **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) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College BMC

Lot No

4

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 80

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Client will have the option to extend the contract by two further periods of one year each.

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 5 – Northern Regional College NRC

Lot No

5

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 80

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Client will have the option to extend the contract by two further periods of one year each.

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 6 – North West Regional College NWRC

Lot No

6

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

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221000 - Vegetables
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) on behalf of the six regional colleges in Northern Ireland wishes to appoint a supplier(s) for the supply and delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables. The contract will be divided into six lots as follows: Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC); Lot 3 – South West College (SWC); Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC); Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC); and Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC). Each lot will be awarded to one Tenderer. There are no restrictions on the number of lots a Tenderer can bid for or be awarded. Therefore, Tenderers may tender for any lot they wish. However, Tenderers must be able to provide and deliver all fresh fruit and vegetables listed within each lot bid for. Tenderers should refer to the Specification Schedule for more details on the services required.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 80

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Client will have the option to extend the contract by two further periods of one year each.

#### **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**

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 000-036991](#)



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

### **Contract No**

1

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Lot 1 – South Eastern Regional College (SERC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 February 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £62,025.45

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

### **Contract No**

2

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Lot 2 – Southern Regional College (SRC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 February 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £62,421.18

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

### **Contract No**

3

### **Lot No**

3

### **Title**

Lot 3 – South West College (SWC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 February 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £37,447.76

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

### **Contract No**

4

### **Lot No**

4

### **Title**

Lot 4 – Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 February 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £49,750.56



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

### **Contract No**

5

### **Lot No**

5

### **Title**

Lot 5 – Northern Regional College (NRC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 February 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £49,750.56

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

### **Contract No**

6

### **Lot No**

6

### **Title**

Lot 6 – North West Regional College (NWRC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 February 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £72,719.88

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

Contract Monitoring. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct, and they may be issued with a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the certificate..

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. 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 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.