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Workforce Recruitment and Retention Initiative

Isle of Wight Council

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-031d25

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<http://www.iwight.com>

Buyer's address

<http://www.iwight.com>

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

Workforce Recruitment and Retention Initiative

Reference number

DN600520

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 55900000 - Retail trade services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Isle of Wight Council (“The Authority”) intends to award a one-off contract for the provision of Gift Cards.

The VEAT notice is being issued to inform the market of our intentions and to commence a 10 day stand still period prior to the contract being awarded.

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: £854,250

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18530000 - Presents and rewards

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ34 - Isle of Wight

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Isle of Wight Council (“The Authority”) intends to purchase 3,417 individual Wight Gift Cards.

Wight Gift Cards can be used at a variety of outlets on the Isle of Wight, which will in turn support local businesses of the Isle of Wight; by ensuring that this funding remains on the Island, boosting the Island economy and supporting its regeneration through this support for local businesses.

We intend to award this contract by utilising Regulation 32 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

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

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:

On 18 September 2020 the government made a commitment in the adult social care COVID-19 winter plan to support local authorities and social care providers to maintain safe staffing levels over the winter period and to continue working with the care sector to ensure there is sufficient workforce capacity across services.

Full grant determination can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/workforce-capacity-fund-for-adult-social-care/workforce-capacity-fund-for-adult-social-care-local-authority-circular>

In order to ensure staff retention through the winter period the Authority intends to use this funding as a retention bonus to all staff employed as at 1/1/2022 who remain in employment with the same provider of adult social services as at 31/3/2022, as agreed by the Authorities Cabinet.

This will ensure that the funding is passed directly to those care workers who have worked throughout the pandemic to support our most vulnerable citizens living in care homes and receiving domiciliary care support in their own homes.

All funding needs to be spent by 31/3/2022, therefore due to tight timescales the Authority proposes to direct award to Miconex Limited, in purchasing the product Wight Gift Cards.

The Authority consulted with partners including CQC providers on the Isle of Wight in how best to utilise this funding. The purchase of a gift card will enable the individual staff members to benefit from the full amount of the award whilst ensuring that this funding remains on the Island, boosting the economy and supporting the regeneration of the Isle of Wight.

The Authority therefore intends to purchase 3,417 £250 gift cards at a cost of £854,250.

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

Title

Workforce Recruitment and Retention Initiative

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 March 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

Miconex Ltd

Perth

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

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: £854,250

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

We will be carrying out a ten day standstill period which is due to expire at Midnight 12th March 2022.