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Contract

## **DfE Invest NI - PR Services GB and Europe**

Invest NI

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02f22d

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

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

Invest NI

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BELFAST

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#### **Contact**

ssdadmin.cpdfinance-ni.gov.uk

#### **Email**

[SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

## **Section II: Object**

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

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

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Reference number

ID 3758909

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

- 79416000 - Public relations services

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

Services

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

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#### **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: £600,000

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

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

- 79416100 - Public relations management services
- 79416200 - Public relations consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 65

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 35

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract is for an initial period of 12 months with the option to extend the contract for a three further periods of up to 12 months 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.2.14) Additional information**

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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: [2021/S 000-027327](#)

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

### **Contract No**

1

### **Title**

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

2 March 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: 2

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

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

Crowded Hour LLC DBA Tempus Media

CHATHAM

07928

Email

[john@tempusmedia.ie](mailto:john@tempusmedia.ie)

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

Internet address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the. unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into