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Award

Finance & Procurement Systems

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043c65

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKM - Scotland

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00292

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Social protection

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Finance & Procurement Systems

Reference number

COPFS-2023-350

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72261000 - Software support 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)

Lowest offer: £244,000 / Highest offer: £320,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72267000 - Software maintenance and repair services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Edinburgh & Glasgow

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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systems including SunSystems SunAccounts, DEPM, P2P, Spindle and bespoke add-on modules. This is to preserve the integration to Scottish Government's e-Procurement systems and ensure continuous updating and operation of the COPFS systems which are business critical, from a supplier able to provide highly responsive on-site and remote support, maintenance and development across all elements. Due to the existing integrations and bespoke modules that have been developed and are maintained and supported by Kick ICT Group, competition is absent.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is the option to extend the contract by a further 12 months and to include additional development to ensure current systems remain compatible with COPFS infrastructure over the contract term.

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

Due to pressures generated by the COVID-19 pandemic national lockdown restrictions some planned developments from the previous contract were late to start and unable to be concluded before the contract expiry. These will need to be finished under the new contract.

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:

Under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 33(b)(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons and to protect exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights. Kick ICT Group own the IPR for the integrations and bespoke modules that have been developed and are maintained and supported as part of the COPFS Finance and Procurement Systems. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic national lockdown some developments required under the previous contract were late in starting and are unable to be concluded before expiry. These will need to be finished under the new contract.

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

Contract No

COPFS-2023-350

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 February 2024

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

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £244,000 / Highest offer: £320,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Clerk's Office

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United Kingdom