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## **Education Network for Northern Ireland — “Education Network (NI)”**

Education Authority

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-006005

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043c9d

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

[michelle.carlisle@eani.org.uk](mailto:michelle.carlisle@eani.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's 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**

Education Network for Northern Ireland — “Education Network (NI)”

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

- 72263000 - Software implementation services

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

Services

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

The Education Authority is placing this transparency notice to alert economic operators of its plans to modify a contract in accordance with Regulation 72(1)(b) of the Public Contracts Regulation 2015 for an additional 1 year until 31/03/2025. This modification increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract (2012/S 053-085884). The contract was extended by 2 years until 31/03/2019 in accordance with the original contract (06/03/2012) and a CCN (31/03/2017). The original contract was modified for 3 years per VEAT (6/3/2019) and was further modified for an additional 2 years per VEAT (11/3/2022). This modification will facilitate the continuation of the existing managed service arrangements, functionality changes to effectively meet schools’ requirements and permit transition to a new contract.

#### **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: £33,000,000 / Highest offer: £33,000,000 taken into consideration

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

This modification will enable the continuation of the existing single contractor managed service arrangement which includes the supply of a broad range of computer and related services (including, without limitation, on-going management, operation and maintenance services), information technology consultancy services and the supply of computer hardware, software and associated products.

The systems and services provided via the current contract have been uniquely configured to reflect the varying requirements of the Education Authority.

The anticipated modification increase equates to GBP 33 000 000. The original contract value was GBP 350 000 000. The date noted in Section VI.5) reflects the date this notice has been submitted to the OJEU. The Education Authority shall observe a period of no less than 10 days, beginning with the day after the date of publication, before modifying the contract as set out in this notice.

### **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

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## **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:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

**Explanation:**

The modification will facilitate the continuation of the existing managed service arrangements, functionality changes to effectively meet schools' requirements and permit transition to a new contract. The anticipated modification increase equates to GBP 33 000 000. The overall new modified contract value is GBP 546 000 000.

No aspect of the modification will alter the overall nature of the current contract as the scope of services will remain unaltered and any expenditure will not be permitted to exceed 50% of the value of the original contract agreement, this will be carefully monitored to ensure compliance.

Regulation 72(1)(b) permits an amendment to an existing contract: for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement, where a change of contractor -

(i) cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, services or installations procured under the initial procurement; or

(ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority, provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

**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: [2012/S 053-085884](#)

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**Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

**V.2) Award of contract/concession****V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

29 March 2012

### **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**

Capita Managed IT Solutions

Newtownabbey

Email

[sales@capita-mits.co.uk](mailto:sales@capita-mits.co.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.capita-mits.co.uk>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £350,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £546,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The UK does not have a 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 Public Contracts Regulation

Belfast

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