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## **ICT-21-021 Apple Equipment and Accessories**

Education Authority NI

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ad75

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

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

Education Authority NI

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#### **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**

ICT-21-021 Apple Equipment and Accessories

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

- 30200000 - Computer equipment and supplies

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

Supplies

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

Apple Equipment and Accessories

#### **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: £5,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

Apple Equipment and Accessories. EA plan to increase the overall contract value by 50% (£2.5m), This will provide sufficient value to avail of the 12 month extension already provided for in the contract.

### **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

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:

This contract was awarded via a mini-competition from the Crown Commercial Services Education Technology framework RM6103 Lot 4. No contract award notice was published as this was not mandated under the terms of the CCS framework. The overall value of the contract awarded was £5m.

EA plan to increase the contract award value by 50% (£2.5m) to ensure continuity of supply throughout 2023 and for the remaining contract period up to August 2024.

EA proposes to modify the contract in accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (c): (i)the need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen; (ii)the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract; (iii)any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract or framework agreement.

EA considers each of the parts of Reg 72 (1) (c) met as follows. (i) When EA established the contract it envisaged that Apple products would be in demand but with the drastic and sustained change to a more mobile and virtual teaching delivery method, as well as the need for ease of accessibility to what schools deliver for teachers and pupils alike, the demand has exceeded the initial estimates. The Covid pandemic and post pandemic environment has considerably changed what devices teachers and pupils now require to function adequately in the school setting. (ii) This modification does not alter the scope of the contract as the same catalogue of items will remain. (iii) The requested increase of 50% (i.e. £2.5m) should be sufficient to allow continued sourcing from the contract at the same levels as currently experienced until the contract ends in August 2024..

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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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**

21 September 2021

#### **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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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

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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: £5,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom