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Awarded contract

DoF - Supply Fitting and Cleaning of Curtains and Blinds to the NICS

Department of Finance

Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs NI

Department of Finance

Department for Communities NI

Department for Infrastructure NI

Department for the Economy NI

Department of Education NI

Department of Health NI

Northern Ireland Office

The Executive Office

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Ulster University

Utility Regulator Northern Ireland

NI Council For Integrated Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

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

DoF - Supply Fitting and Cleaning of Curtains and Blinds to the NICS

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 39515000 - Curtains, drapes, valances and textile blinds

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Framework is for the supply and fitting of window blinds and curtains for office accommodation and the cleaning of existing blinds for use across the Northern Ireland Civil Service and the wider public sector. It is anticipated that the Framework Agreement will commence 1 May 2021 for 4 years until 30 April 2025. Following award of the Framework Agreement, a Direct Award will be made to the Most Economically Advantageous Tender in relation to PSD.

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: £597,136

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 39515400 - Blinds
- 39515410 - Interior blinds
- 39515430 - Venetian blinds
- 39515440 - Vertical blinds
- 45421143 - Installation work of blinds

- 45421145 - Installation work of roller blinds

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

Price

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

II.2.14) Additional information

There is no guarantee of volumes and those given are estimates only.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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: [2020/S 235-581458](#)

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

24 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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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: £985,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £597,136

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contractor's performance on this contract will be managed as per specification and regularly monitored see Procurement Guidance.. Note 01/12 contract. 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 Construction Procurement Delivery (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 notice of unsatisfactory performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a notice 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 12 months from the date of issue of the certificate... The authority expressly reserved the rights:.. (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by.. publication of this notice;.. (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in.. no circumstances will the authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates;.. (iii) to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of.. the (services) covered by this notice; and.. (iv) to award contract(s) in stages and in no circumstances will the authority be liable for any.. costs incurred by candidates.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

This is not applicable in the UK

This is not applicable in the UK

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with. the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and applied a. standstill period (minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the. award of contract was communicated to tenderers. The. notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time. for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award. decision before the contract was entered into.