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Contract

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

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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  
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Ulster University  
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NI Council For Integrated Education

F03: Contract award notice

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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

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## **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.

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## **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](#)

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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**

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



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## 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.