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Contract

## **DAC 9/21 - DfC Supporting People - Mitigation Measures**

Department for Communities

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029b8e

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Department for Communities

Causeway Exchange, 1-7 Bedford Street

BELFAST

BT2 7EG

#### **Email**

[ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **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**

DAC 9/21 - DfC Supporting People - Mitigation Measures

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

The Department of Communities require upgrades and continued support and maintenance

to their Supplementary Payment IT System (SPS) while a new procurement is in progress. This DAC will be for 21 months and expire on 31 December 2022.

### **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: £2,025,545

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

### **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

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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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

The Department for Communities requires Microsoft support for Supplementary Payment IT System (SPS), for 21 months from 1 April 2021 to 31 December 2022. This is permitted under Regulation 32 2 (b) (ii) and iii due to technical reasons and 32 (2) (c) due to technical reasons, and in cases of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseen or attributable to the contracting authority.

#### **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: [2021/S 000-005149](#)

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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**

30 March 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

MICROSOFT IRELAND OPERATIONS LIMITED

Atrium Building Block B, Carmanhall Road Sandyford Industrial Estate

DUBLIN

Email

[brendan.mckeefry@microsoft.com](mailto:brendan.mckeefry@microsoft.com)

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - IRELAND

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,025,545

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,025,545

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The UK does not have any special 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 PCR 2015.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contract Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). The authority has incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) before this contract was awarded.