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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

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Email

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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

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

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

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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

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Email

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

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.