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Contract

Credit Checking Services

Gambling Commission

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b1cd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Gambling Commission

Fourth Floor, Victoria Square House, Victoria Square

BIRMINGHAM

B24BP

Contact

Procurement Team

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG31 - Birmingham

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/html/supplying-to-the-gambling-commission>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Regulator

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Credit Checking Services

Reference number

22-037

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Following publication of our Request for Expressions of Interest and extensive market engagement we determined a contract award in favour of Creditsafe under regulation 32 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 on the basis that:

(b the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for the following reason (ii) competition is absent for technical reasons,

And that:

no reasonable alternative or substitute exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement

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: £283,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Commissions primary concern when using the credit platform is to verify the information it has already been given by companies or individuals seeking a gambling licence. As such in vetting gambling licence applications we will look at ownership, controlling interests, shareholders, court judgements and adverse media as well as other factors. Furthermore we need the facility to be able to access this information worldwide as a substantial amount of applications come from companies based outside the UK. The portal is also used as part of our Enforcement and Intelligence activity. As a result of the exercise we conducted with suppliers who responded to our EOI, we were able to determine that only Creditsafe currently provides a credit checking platform with the full functionality that we need.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Functionality / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 0

Cost criterion - Name: Functionality / Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial term of the contract we have let with Creditsafe is 2 years with option to extend annually up to maximum of 4 years to give us opportunity to review the market should there be any developments during this time to enable further competition.

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:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

22-037

Title

Credit Checking Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 March 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Creditsafe

Caspian Point One, Pierhead Street,

Cardiff

CF10 4DQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Companies House

07941364

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £283,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The link to original Contracts Finder is:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/notice/1ec807f7-d41c-4241-81e7-32e5032cf1cf?origin=SearchResults&p=1>

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

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