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Contract

## **Evaluation of employer National Insurance contributions (NICs) reliefs for employees under 21 and apprentices under 25**

H M Revenue & Customs

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/about/supplying.htm>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Evaluation of employer National Insurance contributions (NICs) reliefs for employees under 21 and apprentices under 25

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) Contracted a supplier from the CCS Research Marketplace agreement (RM6018) to undertake an evaluation of the employer National Insurance contributions (NICs) reliefs for apprentices under 25 and employees under 21.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £160,000 / Highest offer: £210,000 taken into consideration

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

HMRC required a contractor to develop and carry out the evaluation on the specification for the Evaluation of employer National Insurance contributions (NICs) reliefs for employees

under 21 and apprentices under 25.

This evaluation aims to understand the effectiveness of the employer NICs reliefs to support and encourage the employment of young people, and provide an econometric evaluation of these NICs reliefs, with respect to their direct and indirect impacts.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Addressing Aims and Objectives / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology and Scope / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery to Time / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Team / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Standards / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Costings / Weighting: 20

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

6 months extension available

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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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Procedure carried out under CCS Framework for DPS Research Market Place (RM6018).

#### **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

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

SR553010561

### **Title**

National Insurance contributions (NICs) reliefs for employees under 21 and apprentices under 25

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

12 March 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 2

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

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

Kantar UK Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £160,000 / Highest offer: £210,000 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

HMRC

Salford

Country

United Kingdom