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Contract

ICT-25-019 PSEP Online Portal Phase 3

the Education Authority

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-007503

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0610ac

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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Belfast

BT12NQ

Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.eani.org.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ICT-25-019 PSEP Online Portal Phase 3

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

As part of the Pre-School Standardisation Programme, this project will extend the EA Connect portal to provide enhanced functionality for the Pre-School Education Programme

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: £3,200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As part of the Pre-School Standardisation Programme, this project will extend the EA Connect portal to provide enhanced functionality for the Pre-School Education Programme.

- Enable pre-school settings to:

- Submit monthly claims and receive payments via the portal, with built-in validation and audit trails.
- Upload verification documents securely to the portal.
- Manage and update setting details through a secure communication platform.
- Real-time management of pupil attendance via an integrated register.
- Participate in annual renewal and compliance processes.
- Benefit from extended Admissions portal access beyond Stage 2 to accommodate non-placed pupils.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

option to extend by 12 months

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:

This contract is not an award without prior notice.

This is a secondary competition from the original framework RM1557.14.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

ICT-25-019

Title

PSEP Online Portal Phase 3

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 January 2026

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 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

Version 1 Solutions Limited

Suite 3 D&E, Third Floor, 31 Temple Street

Birmingham

B2 5DB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

03438874

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: £3,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,200,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This contract is not an award without prior notice.

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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

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