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Contract

## **ID 4274797 - DAERA / DfC / DfI- Cyber Security Consultancy Services**

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs  
Department for Communities NI  
Department for Infrastructure NI  
Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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

The contract involves 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**

ID 4274797 - DAERA / DfC / DfI- Cyber Security Consultancy Services

Reference number

ID 4274797

#### **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 Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), Department for Communities (DfC), Department for Infrastructure (DfI), and their associated agencies (the Client), are seeking to appoint a Contractor for the provision of Cyber Security Services to support the IT information risk assurance and accreditation processes. The scope of this contract will cover the provision of Cyber Security Services for Systems and Applications supporting the Client business operations. Please refer to document ID 4274797 - Specification for more information on this requirement.

#### **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: £1,103,616

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

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

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72212730 - Security software development services

- 72212732 - Data security software development services

### **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**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 40

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Contract is for an initial period of 2 years with the option to extend for 2 further periods of 1 year each 2yrs+1yr+1yr

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Contract has been Awarded on a ranked basis. The top 3 tenders were ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd as detailed below: 1st: Ward Solutions Ltd; 2nd: Dionach Ltd; 3rd: Ernst and Young LLP. The process of award is as detailed in the specification document.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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: [2022/S 000-032984](#)

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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**

14 March 2023

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

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

WARD SOLUTIONS LTD

Unit 2054 Castle Drive

Dublin

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Email



[alan.mcvey@wardinfosec.co.uk](mailto:alan.mcvey@wardinfosec.co.uk)

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Dionach Ltd

Unipart House Garsington Road, Cowley

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Ernst Young LLP

1 More Place, London

Email

[jkilliner@uk.ey.com](mailto:jkilliner@uk.ey.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern 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: £1,135,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,103,616

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored.. Contractors not delivering.. on contract... requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory... levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If after the specified. time, they still fail to reach satisfactory... levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for. further action. If this occurs and their... performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave.. professional... misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a... Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all. procurement competitions being undertaken... by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland. Procurement Policy for a period. of. twelve... months from the date of issue of the Notice. This contract will not be awarded in Lots as a single supplier is required.

### 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 PCR2015 as amended

United Kingdom

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#### VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and. where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of. contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the. unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into