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Contract

## **Online Planning Applications for Wales**

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0446ff

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

Gwasanaethau Caffael Corfforaethol / Corporate Procurement Services, Parc Cathays / Cathays Park

Caerdydd / Cardiff

CF10 3NQ

#### **Email**

[ICTProcurement@gov.wales](mailto:ICTProcurement@gov.wales)

#### **Telephone**

+44 03000604400

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://gov.wales>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007)

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Online Planning Applications for Wales

Reference number

C030/2016/2017

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72400000 - Internet services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.2) Description**

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

- 72400000 - Internet services
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72300000 - Data services
- 48100000 - Industry specific software package

- 72320000 - Database services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

The Planning Portal is a UK and Welsh Government joint initiative, allowing the submission of all planning applications to local planning authorities across England and Wales, via a single interface. The site provides a variety of planning and other application types, as specified in planning and other legislation, and fully bilingually. The Welsh Government (The Client) are inviting tenders for a dedicated online planning application service for Wales. The service will need to be able to provide a similar level of service to the current Planning Portal,

link seamlessly into existing local government ICT systems, and be fully compliant with the Welsh Language Standards.

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

9 January 2017

End date

28 March 2024

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

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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

Notice number: [2016/S 247-451783](#)

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

### **Contract No**

C030/2016/2017

### **Title**

Online Planning Applications for Wales

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

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

20 December 2016

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

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

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

PortalPlanQuest Ltd

Spectrum House, Bond Street

Bristol

BS13LG

Telephone

+44 7976496121

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £300,515

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This contract has been awarded on the following basis:

Development costs prior to 29 March 2018 (Go Live Date): 87,143.00 GBP

Running costs for three full years from 29 March 2018 to 28 March 2021: 213,372.00 GBP

Total: 300,515.00GBP

As advertised in the original contract notice, there is an option to extend the agreement subject to funding approval and performance for a period of up to 36 months after initial contract expiry. The estimated total value, inclusive of any extension period is between 500,000GBP - 1,000,000GBP

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Telephone

+44 2079477501

Country

United Kingdom

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 72400000 - Internet services

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

The Planning Portal is a UK and Welsh Government joint initiative, allowing the submission of all planning applications to local planning authorities across England and Wales, via a single interface. The site provides a variety of planning and other application types, as specified in planning and other legislation, and fully bilingually. The Welsh Government (The Client) are inviting tenders for a dedicated online planning application service for Wales. The service will need to be able to provide a similar level of service to the current Planning Portal, link seamlessly into existing local government ICT systems, and be fully compliant with the Welsh Language Standards. The contract period is for 3 years, with an option to extend for a further 3 years subject to annual performance reviews and budget approval.

This modification is for an additional 12 month extension.

#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

20 December 2016

End date

28 March 2025

#### **VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£698,767.81

#### **VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

PortalPlanQuest Ltd

Spectrum House, Bond Street

Bristol

BS13LG

Telephone

+44 07976496121

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

12 month extension to the contract

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

Investigations into technical matters related to exiting the current contract and early market engagement for consideration of possible alternative providers indicated there is insufficient time to undertake and conclude a procurement procedure, and implement a replacement service by the 28 March 2024. The assumptions and evidence gathered to date, indicate that there is are potential significant time and costs required to replace the

current service, which is reflected in the duration of the extension period of this notice. The risk of service disruption is significant if the current service provision is not secured whilst work is completed to undertake a new procurement procedure to replace the current contractual arrangements.

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £300,515

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £698,767.81