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# **DoJ Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland's Case Handling System Hosting Transfer**

Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland

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# Section I: Contracting authority/entity

## I.1) Name and addresses

Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland

11 Church Street

**BELFAST** 

BT1 1PG

#### **Email**

ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

## Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

**UK - UNITED KINGDOM** 

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps

Buyer's address

https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps

## I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

## I.5) Main activity

General public services

# **Section II: Object**

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

## II.1.1) Title

DoJ Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland's Case Handling System Hosting Transfer

#### 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 Case Handling System used by the Police Ombudsman NI is currently hosted locally on a stand-alone server at its offices located in Belfast. There is no remote access to this system and staff have to be physically in the building to gain access. The constraints of this set-up have hindered access for staff when not in the office, which has become a significant issue over the course of the last year with lockdown measures due to Covid 19. As a result, it has been decided modify the contract to move the CHS system (along with other key systems) onto the ITAC secure hosting service which will facilitate access for all staff without having to be physically present in the office.

#### 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: £499,005

## II.2) Description

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

- 72500000 Computer-related services
- 72220000 Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72250000 System and support services
- 72260000 Software-related services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

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

## 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:**

Additional works, services or supplies have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement and a change of supplier would not be practicable (for economic, technical or interoperability reasons) and would involve substantial inconvenience/duplication of costs. The change does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

This modification is on the basis that there is a requirement to move the CHS system onto the ITAC secure hosting service to allow for remote access. This is a requirement which was not provided for within the original requirement however one which is central to ensuring continuity of service provision and secure hosting of the system at a cost of £14,445.

#### 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: 2019/S 232-569517

## Section V. Award of contract/concession

#### **Contract No**

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract/concession

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

1 December 2019

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

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

Due to the sensitive nature of this contract the supplier name will be withheld

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £499,005

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

## 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.

N/A

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**United Kingdom** 

#### VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contract Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). The Authority will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) before this contract is awarded.