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Award

DAC 39/21 BMC - On site enhanced support for Managed Print Contract

Belfast Metropolitan College

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Belfast Metropolitan College

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.belfastmet.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

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

DAC 39/21 BMC - On site enhanced support for Managed Print Contract

Reference number

ID 3503044

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79810000 - Printing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Belfast Metropolitan College (BMC) has a current Managed Print Contract in place until 31st March 2023. BMC put in place enhanced support to manage the Print Management Software and the high numbers of classroom printers, where Lecturers need continuous access to printing. This DAC is to enable BMC to continue enhanced support to manage the Print Management Software and the high numbers of classroom printers.

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: £149,264

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - NORTHERN IRELAND

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Belfast Metropolitan College has a current Managed Print Contract in place until 31st March 2023. The college currently utilises 232 printers (157 desktop printers, 70 MFDs, 5 specialist printers) located across all campuses in Belfast, printing approximately 11,000,000 mono and 2,500,000 colour pages each year. Availability of printing is an important part of both the administrative processes in the college and the learning and teaching process with students receiving class handouts, course materials and submitting much of their course work, assignments and exams on hard copy paper format. The need for enhanced support to manage the Print Management Software and the high numbers of classroom printers, where Lecturers need continuous access to printing has been in place for the past 5 years and drastically reduced the number of printer related complaints. Having such support ensures that uptime of critical printing services is maintained at high levels, with response times for break/fix being an average of 30 min. The provision of this service is considered by the college to be an essential part of their managed print service. Failure to have enhanced support will result in deterioration of the printing availability, particularly in the classroom-based desktop printing fleet, and will directly impact on learning and teaching for students.

This is a Direct Award Contract which will enable BMC to continue enhanced support to manage the Print Management Software and the high numbers of classroom printers, where Lecturers need continuous access to printing.

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:

This is a Direct Award Contract justified under regulation 32 B iii due to exclusive rights which will enable BMC to continue enhanced support to manage the Print Management Software and the high numbers of classroom printers, where Lecturers need continuous access to printing.

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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 April 2021

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

Xerox IBS NI Ltd

Forsyth House, Cromac House

Belfast

BT2 8LA

Email

uxb.bidteam@xerox.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - NORTHERN IRELAND

Internet address

<https://www.xerox.co.uk/>

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: £149,264

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

UK

Country

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..