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Contract

## **ID 5694156 - DfE - SERC - Supply and Deliver a FESTO Automation Suite**

South Eastern Regional College

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-008354

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04ea89

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

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

South Eastern Regional College

SERC Lisburn Campus, Castle Street

Lisburn

BT27 4SU

#### **Email**

[SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.serc.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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

ID 5694156 - DfE - SERC - Supply and Deliver a FESTO Automation Suite

Reference number

ID 5694156

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 31000000 - Electrical machinery, apparatus, equipment and consumables; lighting

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) require a FESTO Automation Suite for the Lisburn Campus. SERC is seeking to appoint a Supplier to supply and deliver, install and commission a FESTO Automation Suite comprised of the systems/components detailed within the specification. Please refer to the document titled "ID 5694156 – Specification" for further information.

#### **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: £127,590

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

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

- 31600000 - Electrical equipment and apparatus
- 31700000 - Electronic, electromechanical and electrotechnical supplies
- 42000000 - Industrial machinery

- 43000000 - Machinery for mining, quarrying, construction equipment
- 48921000 - Automation system
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

### **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: AC1 - Compliance with the Specification Schedule / Weighting: 0

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 - Supply and Quality Control / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: AC3 - Total Contact Price / Weighting: 90

### **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

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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: [2005/S 000-001067](#)

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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**

28 February 2025

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

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**

DIDACTIC SERVICES LIMITED

55 Caswell Road, Brackmills Industrial Estate

Northampton

NN4 7PY

Email

[info@didacticservices.co.uk](mailto:info@didacticservices.co.uk)

Telephone

+44 7761961464

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £128,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £127,590

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with the tender documentation. 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 can 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 three years from the date of issue.

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. 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 as amended.

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United Kingdom