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Contract

## **Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Schools Information Management System (SIMS)**

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-032824

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

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

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL16 - Gwent Valleys

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0278](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0278)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Schools Information Management System (SIMS)

**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**

Transition from existing contractual model of perpetual licence of SIMS to local authority

with associated support services, to software as a service model contracting directly with individual schools to provide SIMS and associated support services

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £767 / Highest offer: £28,226 taken into consideration

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72260000 - Software-related services
- 72261000 - Software support services
- 72300000 - Data services
- 72310000 - Data-processing services
- 72320000 - Database services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL16 - Gwent Valleys

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

Prior to the award of these contracts, the current provider -ESS- had a contract with the local authority under which it provided a perpetual licence to the local authority for the purpose of providing SIMS to the schools in the local authority's area, with associated support services.

ESS has now served notice to terminate that contract and requires that, in order to continue provision of SIMS, individual schools must enter into direct contracts with ESS to receive SIMS as software as a service.

In order to bring about the transition, the local authority will enter into a Facilitation Agreement "FA" with ESS under which nothing of value is received by ESS and no material services are provided to the local authority; it is purely an administrative

arrangement to effect the transition.

Each school in the local authority's area will enter into a School Contract "SC" with ESS for the direct provision of SIMS as software as a service, at substantially the same cost as before.

The highest value SC over the 3 year contract term is 28226GBP and the lowest value SC is 767GBP.

The schools in the local authority's area whose governing bodies will enter into contracts with ESS are as follows:

- Abertillery Learning Community
- All Saints RC Primary School
- Beaufort Hill Primary School
- Blaen-y-Cwm Primary School
- Bryn Bach Primary School
- Brynmawr Foundation School
- Coed-y-Garn Primary School
- Cwm Primary School
- Deighton Primary School
- Ebbw Fawr Learning Community
- Georgetown Primary School
- Glanhowy Primary School
- Glyncoed Primary School
- Pen-y-Cwm Special School
- Rhos-y-Fedwen Primary School
- River Centre 3-16 Learning Community

- Swffryd Primary School
- St Illtyds Primary School
- St Josephs RC Primary School
- St Marys Church Primary School
- St Marys RC Primary School
- Tredegar Comprehensive School
- Willowtown Primary School
- Ysgol Gymraeg Brohelyg
- Ystruth Primary School

The local authority publishes this notice on behalf of itself and the schools listed above but is not acting as a central purchasing body on behalf of the schools.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **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

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

Contract duration: 36 months

The FA has no value

Individual School Contracts have a value between 28226GBP and 767GBP

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## **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 contract award notice is published on a wholly voluntary basis and without prejudice to the local authority's and the governing body of each individual school's position that no prior publication of a contract notice, and thus no competitive tender exercise, was required in respect of the Facilitation Agreement (FA) and/or the individual Schools Contracts (SC). Neither the local authority nor the governing body of any of the schools listed above accepts that the FA and/or the individual SCs are within the scope of application of Part 2 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

29 March 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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: 0

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

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

Education Software Solutions Limited

11 Kingsley Lodge, 13 New Cavendish Street

London

W1G9UG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £767 / Highest offer: £28,226 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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