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Award

ID 5299226 TEO Equality Commission for Northern Ireland - ICT Support Services to Equality House

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044aec

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

Equality House, 7-9 Shaftsbury Square

n/a

BT2 7DP

Email

SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region 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

ID 5299226 TEO Equality Commission for Northern Ireland - ICT Support Services to Equality House

Reference number

ID 5299226

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

Provision of business critical IT support functions to the Equality Commission and the other tenants within Equality House.

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: £275,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of business critical IT support functions to the Equality Commission and the other tenants within Equality House.

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

There are derogations under the regulations to award a contract to a single supplier where the supplies or services can only be supplied by a particular supplier for the following reason:-

i) in cases of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseen or attributable to the contracting authority, where the time limits for the open, restricted or competitive procedures with negotiation cannot be complied with (regulation 32(2)(c)).

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Equality Commission will be without IT support from the end of March and it would not be possible to complete a competitive tender exercise given the timescales involved. This award is for a short term DAC (for a period of up to one year) to provide cover until a new service model can be established (either via internal NICS IT service provision or following a competitive tender exercise). The technical complexities together with the timescales / duration appear to suggest that the contract would not be a viable commercial opportunity for the market.

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

20 March 2024

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

Cyber Security NI

Belfast

Email

SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

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

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £275,000

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Section VI. Complementary information

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

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom