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Contract

## **Purchase of The Balfour Collection (Archive of the Balfour family of Whittingehame, East Lothian, Earls of Balfour)**

National Records of Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

National Records of Scotland

Ladywell House, Ladywell Road

Edinburgh

EH12 7TF

#### **Contact**

Derrick Welsh

#### **Email**

[Procurement\\_Queries\\_Mailbox@nrscotland.gov.uk](mailto:Procurement_Queries_Mailbox@nrscotland.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00474](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00474)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Purchase of The Balfour Collection (Archive of the Balfour family of Whittingehame, East Lothian, Earls of Balfour)

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 32353100 - Records

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Purchase of The Balfour Collection (Archive of the Balfour family of Whittingehame, East Lothian, Earls of Balfour)

#### **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: £501,650

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

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

NRS have directly awarded the purchase of The Balfour Collection from Christie's. The purchase has been made to preserve and produce information about Scotland's people and history and make it available to inform current and future generations.

#### **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

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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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

The collection owners informed NRS that they wished to sell The Balfour Collection to NRS as a private treaty sale and advised that Christie's were working as agents for the owners. NRS contracted for an independent valuation of the collection and established that the offer price is reasonable. HMRC are aware and have given the necessary approvals. This was a rare opportunity to purchase a collection which NRS staff regard as one of the "crown jewels" amongst the deposited collections of which we are custodians, being of both national and international significance. The NRS valuation report confirms that the collection is one of pre-eminent importance on a local, national and international level. The purchase has been made to preserve and produce information about Scotland's people and history and make it available to inform current and future generations.

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

17/11/001

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

21 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: 1

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

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

Christie's

8 King Street

London

SW1Y 6QT

Telephone

+44 02073892725

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI32 - Westminster

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £501,650

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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**

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom