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## **ICT-21-021 Apple Equipment and Accessories**

the Education Authority

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ed21

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT12NQ

#### **Email**

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#### **Telephone**

+44 2890564000

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKN06 - Belfast

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.eani.org.uk>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

ICT-21-021 Apple Equipment and Accessories

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 30000000 - Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

For the supply and delivery of Apple Equipment and Accessories.

### **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: £11,750,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

For the supply and delivery of Apple Equipment and Accessories to the Education Authority and schools in Northern Ireland.

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

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: 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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This contract is not an award without prior notice. This contract was awarded via a mini competition from CCS Framework RM6103 -Education Technology - Lot 4 Hardware in September 2021. Modification is to increase value to £11,750,000.00 and extend contract end date to 31st March 2026.

This modification is in accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (c):

It meets each of the following conditions:

(i) the need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen;

(ii) the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract;

(iii) any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract or framework agreement.

When EA established this contract, it was envisaged that Apple products would be in demand but with the drastic and sustained change to a more mobile and virtual delivery methods, as well as the need for ease of accessibility to what schools deliver for teachers and pupils alike, the demand has exceeded the initial estimates. The Covid pandemic and post pandemic environment has considerably changed what devices teachers and pupils now require to function adequately in the school setting.

This modification does not alter the scope of the contract as the same catalogue of items will remain.

#### **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/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

27 September 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**

Academia Ltd

8 Kinetic Crescent Innova Park

Enfield

Email

[sales@academia.co.uk](mailto:sales@academia.co.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

04771037

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: £11,750,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

EA has undertaken a Pre Market Engagement exercise that will inform a new procurement for a new EdIS Catalogue contract that will incorporate Apple Equipment and Accessories. This modification will provide contractual cover in the interim.

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

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

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures

Belfast

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United Kingdom