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Award

ICT-21-021 Apple Equipment and Accessories

the Education Authority

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

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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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

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

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

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

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8 Kinetic Crescent Innova Park

Enfield

Email

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

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

Country

United Kingdom