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Award

ID 1406165 - NICS Identity Assurance service – Support and Maintenance

Department of Finance - Digital Transformation Service

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-009586

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b80a

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Department of Finance - Digital Transformation Service

Craigantlet Buildings, Stoney Road

BELFAST

BT4 3SX

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 1406165 - NICS Identity Assurance service – Support and Maintenance

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

The Department of Finance is placing this voluntary transparency notice to alert economic operators of its intention to modify the NICS Identity Assurance (NIDA) Support and Maintenance Contract in accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (b) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This transparency notice does not place any obligation on the Authority to enter into this modification.

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: £975,475

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Department of Finance have a contract with Civica for NICS Identity Assurance (NIDA) Support and Maintenance.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract was awarded for an initial period of 2 years, with 2 further optional extension periods of 1 year each. The contract was modified to allow for one additional extension year to end on 2 January 2024.

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

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:

The authority will rely on regulation 72(1)(b) Additional works, services or supplies “have become necessary” and were not included in the initial procurement and a change of supplier would not be practicable (for economic, technical or interoperability reasons) and would involve substantial inconvenience/duplication of costs - provided the change does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2019/S 004-005435](#)

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

3 January 2019

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

Civica UK Ltd

South Bank Central, 30 Stamford Street

London

Email

SSDAdmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Internet address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £119,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £856,475

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead, any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). The authority will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) before this contract is awarded.