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Award

## **ICT-20-022 E-Books and Downloadable Audio Books for Libraries NI**

the Education Authority

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ee61

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

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

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

[educationresource.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:educationresource.procure@eani.org.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**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

ICT-20-022 E-Books and Downloadable Audio Books for Libraries NI

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 92511000 - Library services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Supply and delivery of E-Books and Downloadable Audio Books for Libraries NI

#### **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: £10,000,000

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 92511000 - Library services
- 22113000 - Library books
- 72500000 - Computer-related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland
- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

ICT-20-022 — E-Books and Downloadable Audio Books for Libraries NI for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2022 with the option to extend for up to a further 36 months.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Range of stock / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Statistics / Weighting: 2

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing / Weighting: 2

Quality criterion - Name: Usability of product / Weighting: 4

Quality criterion - Name: Training / Weighting: 1

Quality criterion - Name: Supplier selection / Weighting: 1

Quality criterion - Name: Social clause / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 38

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

With the option to extend for up to a further 36 months.

#### **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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The purpose of this VEAT notice is to inform the market of the Contracting Authorities intention to extend the contract period for an additional four months. The modification is covered under Reg 72 (1) (e) and (f) therefore the EA is not obliged to publish a modification notice.

The modification meets the following conditions in relation to paragraph 5:

(5) (a) the relevant threshold mentioned in regulation 5; and

(b) 10 % of the initial contract value for service and supply contracts and 15% of the initial contract value for works contracts

The modification to the period is for 4 months which represents less than 10% of the overall period of 48 months and is therefore deemed to be non-substantial as it does not meet any of the conditions of paragraph 8 detailed below.

(8) A modification of a contract or a framework agreement during its term shall be considered substantial for the purposes of paragraph 1(e) where one or more of the following conditions is met:

(a) the modification renders the contract or the framework agreement materially different in character from the one initially concluded;

(b) the modification introduces conditions which, had they been part of the initial procurement procedure, would have—

(i) allowed for the admission of other candidates than those initially selected;

(ii) allowed for the acceptance of a tender other than that originally accepted; or

(iii) attracted additional participants in the procurement procedure;

(c) the modification changes the economic balance of the contract or the framework agreement in favour of the contractor in a manner which was not provided for in the initial contract or framework agreement;

(d) the modification extends the scope of the contract or framework agreement considerably;

(e) a new contractor replaces the one to which the contracting authority had initially awarded the contract in cases other than those provided for in paragraph (1)(d).

#### **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: [2021/S 109-288073](#)

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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**

28 May 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

Overdrive INC.

Cleveland

Email

[mkertesz@overdrive.com](mailto:mkertesz@overdrive.com)

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

Internet address

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

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Bolinda UK Ltd

Newbury

Email

[libraryuk@bolinda.com](mailto:libraryuk@bolinda.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £10,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

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