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Contract

Pension Administration System Contract Award Notice

Kent County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03bcb2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Pension Administration System Contract Award Notice

Reference number

DN662962

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council on behalf of the Kent Pension Fund is awarding a contract for the delivery of Pension Administration Software for the duration of five years from the 1st May 2023 until 30th April 2028.

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: £3,907,902

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The contract has been awarded under regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) because it is not possible for a supplier other than the incumbent to continue this service for technical reasons. There

are no reasonable alternatives and the parameters of the procurement (including timescales) are driven by the circumstances the Council finds itself in and have not been artificially narrowed. These circumstances are:

1. The impact and timing of McCloud on LGPS funds meaning that it is not possible to scope the technical requirements or implement a transition to a new supplier to coincide with the current contract cycle.
2. The unreasonable cost (due to scarcity) of resource to dedicate to a transition to a new supplier, due to difficulty recruiting staff within pensions administration.
3. LGPS changes to the re-evaluation dates of pensions have altered the technical parameters of the system in a manner that can only be met by the incumbent system.
4. The above changes in pensions law and guidance (which have been outside of the control of the Council) mean that the timescales required for procurement and transition to a new supplier (between 12 -18 months) are such that it is not technically possible for any other provider to fulfil the Council's service requirements at the time required (Regulation 32(2)(c) relied on in the alternative).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

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

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:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the regulations states :

(2) The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:—

(b)where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons:—

(ii)competition is absent for technical reasons,

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

Contract No

SC220252

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 April 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Heywood Limited

2nd Floor, 3 Barrington Road

Altrincham

WA14 1GY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,907,902

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kent County Council

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