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## **ResourceLink HR/Payroll System**

Education Authority NI

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-032e31

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

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

Education Authority NI

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

[emma.hollywood@eani.org.uk](mailto:emma.hollywood@eani.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS 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**

ResourceLink HR/Payroll System

Reference number

22-012

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

Supplies

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

The award of a contract by Education Authority Northern Ireland (EANI) without prior publication of a call for

competition in the respect of the provision of Legacy Payroll System for Education Authority and Department of Education

#### **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: £1,658,363

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 48450000 - Time accounting or human resources software package
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

supply of the legacy ResourceLink system that operates the 10 payrolls for the EA regions and the 2 DE Teachers' payrolls

### **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

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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:

EANI are currently rolling out a new HR/Payroll system, due to Covid-19 there has been a series of delays and following a gateway review the project has further decelerated. The resultant change in schedule has meant that there needs to be a continued provision of service from the legacy payroll provider to ensure that staff will be paid.

EANI anticipates the new solution will be in place by July 2023. However legacy contingency will also need to be provided beyond this point to manage the risk of any further delays and will be necessary to provide access to archived data.

The legacy ResourceLink system is a completely bespoke payroll solution built purely for the needs of the EA and DE and their unique employment term & conditions (of which there are over 270 variations.) Therefore, the ResourceLink system must stay in place until all payrolls of EA and DE have transferred to the new EA One solution. There are no other suppliers in the market that could provide an alternative payroll solution.

The value is up to a maximum of circa £1,658,363 GBP.

#### 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: [2018/S 031-068819](#)

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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**

31 March 2022

### **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**

Zellis

Bristol

BS32 4UF

Email

[tellmemore@zellis.com](mailto:tellmemore@zellis.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

[www.zellis.com](http://www.zellis.com)

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: £1,658,363

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Education Authority

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom