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Award

ResourceLink HR/Payroll System

Education Authority NI

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Education Authority NI

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Email

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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

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

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](#)

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

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tellmemore@zellis.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,658,363

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Education Authority

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom