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Award

70154 - Education Management System (EMS) for the Education Authority

the Education Authority

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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Email

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

70154 - Education Management System (EMS) for the Education Authority

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of an Education Management System for the Education Authority.

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: £3,972,276.15

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48300000 - Document creation, drawing, imaging, scheduling and productivity software package
- 48310000 - Document creation software package
- 48311000 - Document management software package
- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 48600000 - Database and operating software package
- 48610000 - Database systems
- 48611000 - Database software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of an Education Management System for the Education Authority.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: System Specification and Interfaces / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology - Contract Award to April 2018 to include Implementation, Migration and Training / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology - Ongoing Maintenance and Support, April 2018 - March 2023 / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 50

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Contract was awarded for 5 year period 01 April 2018 - 31 March 2023 with option of a further 2 periods of 12 month extension.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

EA originally awarded contract 70154 for period 01/04/2018 – 31/03/2023 which included the built in optional 2 year extension taken between 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2025. EA now propose a further 3 year extension to run from 01/04/2025 – 31/03/2028 which requires an additional contract value to the current contract (an additional £1,110,000.00) (overall revised contract value will then be £3,972,276.15). . . NB - The award of the contract modification cannot be confirmed until EA has received Business Case approval from the Department of Education.. . NB2 - Please also note that the Contract was originally awarded to “Capita One Ltd” who have been recently acquired by “MRI Community Software Ltd”. For clarity EA will be contracting with MRI Community Software Ltd for this contract going forward..

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:

This modification for an additional 3 years support and maintenance, and an increase to the overall contract value of £1.1m meet the conditions of Reg 72(1)(c) that states:

(c) where all of the following conditions are fulfilled: —

(i) the need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen;

(ii) the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract;

(iii) any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract or framework agreement.

- This modification is now required as a consequence of the EdIS procurement competition to deliver a replacement EMS solution being terminated with no suitable solution identified. EA requires continued use of the current solution until such times as a replacement is procured, developed, tested and goes live;

- This modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract as no new conditions or services are being delivered; and

The increase of a further £1.1m is less than 50% of the original overall contract value. (The original contract value being £2.5m)

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: [2016/S 232-422619](#)

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

15 November 2016

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

MRI Community Software Limited

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London

EC2V 8EA

Email

info@mri.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.mrisoftware.com/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: £2,500,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £3,972,276.15

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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

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