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Contract

GMCA 631 Replacement Datacentre Hardware

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0397c9

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

GMCA Offices, 1st Floor, Churchgate House, 56 Oxford Street

Manchester

M1 6EU

Email

procurement@manchesterfire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<http://www.manchesterfire.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

GMCA 631 Replacement Datacentre Hardware

Reference number

DN650977

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 30000000 - Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) currently hosts 2 data centres over 2 geographically separate locations. These sites have resilient 10Gb layer 2 connectivity. Our current data centre equipment is approaching its end of useable life and we are looking to

replace this.

Our data centres runs in an active-active state across the 2 sites. Services are split between

the 2 to provide resilience. The solution is currently made up of 2 Flexpod deployments which consists of Cisco UCS, NetApp and VMware.

GMCA is looking to replace the compute and storage elements of the data centre with new

NetApp and Dell hardware (the required hardware is outlined in section 4). This includes professional services for installation and elements of migration of the new solution.

GMCA require the solution to be covered for support and maintenance over a 5 year contracted period. This includes hardware replacement, monitoring and alerting.

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: £416,921

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40%

Price - Weighting: 60%

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

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

GMCA 631

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 March 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Specialist Computer Services Plc

James House, Warwick Road

Birmingham

B11 2LE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £416,921

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom