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Contract

## **ETS-21-004 Programme Assistance Services to support the delivery of the EdIS Programme**

the Education Authority

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-011169

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04f88c

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

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

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

[laura.magee@eani.org.uk](mailto:laura.magee@eani.org.uk)

#### **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>

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

ETS-21-004 Programme Assistance Services to support the delivery of the EdIS Programme

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

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

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

Services

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

Programme Assistance Services to enable support for the delivery of the EdIS Programme of work. EA procured an external programme delivery partner to support and assist the current EdIS Programme delivery team. The supplier provides services as and when required on a call off basis for all workstreams.

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

36

#### **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.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

Notice number: [2017/S 247-377411](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

ETS-21-004

### **Title**

Programme Assistance Services to support the delivery of the EdIS Programme

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

3 September 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Ernst and Young LLP

Belfast

Email

[eregan@uk.ey.com](mailto:eregan@uk.ey.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.ev.com>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £2,700,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

Programme Assistance Services to enable support for the delivery of the EdIS Programme of work. EA procured an external programme delivery partner to support and assist the current EdIS Programme delivery team. The supplier provides services as and when required on a call off basis for all workstreams.

#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

67

#### **VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£6,750,000

#### **VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Ernst and Young LLP

Belfast

Email

[eregan@uk.ey.com](mailto:eregan@uk.ey.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.ey.com>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

This contract was a call-off contract awarded under Lot 8 of the CPD Framework ID 1032027 for Legal Services.

The contract was previously modified in November 2022 to increase the value by 50% of the original awarded contract value (2022/S 000-033436), and was further modified in July 2024 to extend the contract period by 7 months until 31 March 2025 and increase the value by 50% of the original awarded contract value (2024/S 000-012747).

The requirement has arisen to modify the contract end date to extend for a further period of 2 years until 31 March 2027 and increase the value by up to 50% of the original awarded contract value to cover this additional contract period.

The modification is proposed in accordance with Regulation 72 (1)(b) and meets all of the following conditions:

(b) for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement, where a change of contractor—

- (i) cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, services or installations procured under the initial procurement, or
- (ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority, provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract;

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

For technical reasons a change in supplier is not possible at this stage. The provider has been contracted to provide programme assistance and support on the EdIS Programme and has built up critical knowledge and understanding which will be required to ensure the continuity of the service provision as this will be essential to support the project teams going forward in the delivery of the remaining EdIS programme projects including the new procurement exercise now required following the unforeseen termination of the Strategic Partner and School Management System Contract, which is expected to take approx. 2 years to complete. To contract with a different supplier at this stage would significantly impact timelines for delivery of projects and duplication of costs for the contracting authority.

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £1,350,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £6,750,000