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Northern Ambition Academies Trust ICT Managed Service

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F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.northernambition.org.uk/tenders/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Northern Ambition Academies Trust ICT Managed Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Northern Ambition Academies Trust (NAAT) is a Trust of 4 Academies encompassing c.2,093 pupils in and around Castleford.

The current schools are:

Airedale Academy

Airedale Infants Academy

Airedale Juniors Academy

Oyster Park Primary Academy

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This procurement encompasses the items noted below. In essence, this procurement is all about identifying a single supplier to provide a fully outsourced managed service. At the sole

discretion of the Trust any future schools that the Trust may incorporate into the Trust will also be added to the ICT contract. Any additional schools will co-terminate to the end same end date of the initial contract.

Further details regarding timescales are noted below but in summary this is advertised as a 60 month contract with a maximum 5 year managed service with start and end dates as follows:

- Service start date - 1st November 2022
- Service end date - 31st October 2027

The new Managed service provider will also deliver a range of technology and change management projects to go ahead as soon as possible. The main focus of these projects is to address technology issues in schools and 'join up' the schools into a single network provision.

A full technical analysis of each school will be provided to shortlisted bidders at the ITT Stage but to provide an idea of the size of the device estate the following table provides a summary.

The companies identified from these shortlisting questions to receive the ITT for the Managed service will then receive a detailed set of requirements. For the purposes of this shortlisting stage bidders should assume that the ITT will include, but not be limited to;

- strategic advice and direction to the Trust regarding ICT
- a term time onsite service
- service desk
- local staffing that bidders deem necessary to deliver the SLA. The SLA will apply 24x7x365
- responsibility for design, specification, installation and management of all ICT infrastructure
- supply of goods and services based on an agreed Best Value (BV) approach
- management of all ICT against an agreed SLA
- management of 3rd parties
- relevant monitoring, management, patching and reporting
- training - technical and curriculum as necessary

- expectation that the provider will drive innovation
- risk registers and inventory management
- collective partnership targets aligned to the Trusts objectives

Bidders should note the following;

- The Trust will provide a standard contract as part of the ITT Pack
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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 30200000 - Computer equipment and supplies
- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,200,000

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

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3 June 2022

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IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

10 June 2022

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Ambition Academies Trust

Castleford

Country

United Kingdom