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## **DAC 38/24 DE - CCEA - Specialist Support for the Development of Computer Adaptive Tests (CATs)**

Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment

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

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

Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment

29 Clarendon Road, Clarendon Dock

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BT3 9ED

#### **Email**

[info@ccea.org.uk](mailto:info@ccea.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>

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

DAC 38/24 DE - CCEA - Specialist Support for the Development of Computer Adaptive Tests (CATs)

Reference number

ID 5320915

#### **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**

CCEA are currently engaging with the Department of Education on the long-term review of Statutory Assessment. The potential of CAT as a solution will be integral to the discussions. Stakeholder feedback from the CCEA Adaptive Assessments will play an integral role in this review into the longer-term provision of assessment across NI. CCEA therefore seeks to Award a DAC to enable the current contract to continue for a period of three years to ensure continuity of assessment services to schools (April 24 – March 27); and subsequent to a review on statutory assessment, commence a tender process for the provision of a long-term contract (up to ten years) for the provision of online adaptive assessment services (if recommended in outcomes from the review).

#### **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: £492,000

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

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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## **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

There are derogations under the regulations to award a contract to a single supplier where the supplies or services can only be supplied by a particular supplier for the following reason:-

i) Where competition is absent for technical reasons (regulation 32(2)(b)(ii);

On the basis of the information presented, it may be possible to rely on a derogation in this case given that there is currently no other solution available that caters for the CCEA requirement and no other supplier would have the

technical knowledge required to deliver the interoperability and compatibility requirements of the application.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **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**

9 April 2024

### **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**

The Psychometrics Centre Cambridge Judge Business School

Cambridge

Email

[enquiries@jbs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@jbs.cam.ac.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://jbc.cam.ac.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: £492,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended

Belfast

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