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## **Northern Ambition Academies Trust ICT Managed Service**

Northern Ambition Academies Trust

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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

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

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**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
- There is expected to be a requirement for TUPE

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.6) Original notice reference**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-011370](#)

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## **Section VII. Changes**

### **VII.1) Information to be changed or added**

#### **VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice**

Section number

IV.2.2

Instead of

Date

3 June 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Read

Date

6 June 2022

Local time

12:00pm

### **VII.2) Other additional information**

Please note that the submission of SQ responses has been changed from the the 3rd June at Midday to the 6th June at Midday - This is due to the fact that the 3rd of June is a Bank Holiday.