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Contract

## **Agile Development Services for Funding Systems**

Department for Education

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-045343

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

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

Department for Education

Sanctuary Buildings, 20, Great Smith Street

London

#### **Email**

[Commercial.DDAT@education.gov.uk](mailto:Commercial.DDAT@education.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Agile Development Services for Funding Systems

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

- 72300000 - Data services

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

Services

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Services to iterate and continuously improve several components/products of our digital funding service. The components will exist in beta as minimum viable products. Other GDS phases may be needed in order to iterate them further

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

Start date

1 August 2022

End date

31 March 2025

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

### **Contract No**

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

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

19 January 2022

#### **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**

Cognizant Worldwide Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £8,200,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Department for Education

London

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**

- 72300000 - Data services

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

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Development Services to iterate and continuously improve several components/products of our digital funding service. The components will exist in beta as minimum viable products. Other GDS phases may be needed in order to iterate them further.

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

Start date

2 February 2022

End date

1 February 2024

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£8,200,000

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

Cognizant Worldwide Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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):

Following a technical review conducted by the new Director of Technology, a piece of activity was brought into the Funding space to capitalise on technological synergies. It made more economic and technological sense to integrate this system with the Funding service as this was an already mature service, rather than having a completely separate platform be developed. This merging of the two systems has led to unexpected increased contract costs to accommodate. The product backlog across the portfolio has been greatly impacted due to this activity merger.

#### **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:

The incumbent supplier delivers for the whole of the Funding service and has the requisite experience and understanding of the intricacies of the various services and applications within, and so were best placed to deliver the merge. To re-procure would have led to significant increased costs of handover and upskilling a new supplier. The activity was too urgent for this to be a viable option.

#### **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: £93,000,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £12,033,152