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Sierra Leone Secondary Education Improvement Programme (SSEIP)

FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Foreign Aid & Development

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Sierra Leone Secondary Education Improvement Programme (SSEIP)

Reference number

PO 7590

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Through the Sierra Leone Secondary Education Improvement Programme (SSEIP), the UK government have committed to support all children in Sierra Leone to have access to quality secondary school education, with a focus on improving performance in English and maths and reducing the barriers of entry to education for girls and children with disabilities. Mott MacDonald were contracted to deliver this project, Leh Wi Learn, from 2016 - 2021. Mott MacDonald support activities under the following outputs - improving access to girls and disabled children, support improvements in quality of education at junior and secondary schools and supporting the Minister of Basic and Secondary School Education (MBSSE) to improve management and data collection of the education sector.

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: £43,080,132

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- SL - Sierra Leone

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The original route to market was via the open procedure, two bids were received.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

In original contract ToR it was highlighted that there may be provision for a 6-month extension period at FCDO's discretion. CA7 extended the end date by 12 months and the additional 6 month time extension (18 months beyond the original end date in total) is being requested to maintain consistency in the programme whilst the next phase's procurement is in progress, currently at concept note stage

The overall scope of the contract will remain in line with the Business Case and the original Terms of Reference will not change as a result of Contract Amendment 8.

II.2.14) Additional information

CA8 requires a further uplift of £4.25m and a six (6) month extension to the end date of the contract, therefore a further VEAT Notice is being issued

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Additional deliveries by the original supplier

Explanation:

A new five-year Education Programme in Sierra Leone is being developed to begin implementation September 2022. The gap in implementation between the two programmes creates a major risk; both in terms of stopping critical support to the education services, but also a reputational risk for FCDO due to the size of the programmes and as the lead donor in Sierra Leone. A further 6-month extension will bridge the gap to ensure support to girls' education is maintained and ensure a responsible transition to the new programme and suppliers.

The below regulation covers this

Regulation 72 (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;

(l) 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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2018/S 142-325466](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

7590

Title

Sierra Leone Secondary Education Improvement Programme (SSEIP) Contract Amendment

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 June 2021

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

Mott MacDonald T/A Cambridge Education

Cambridge

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH - East of England

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,250,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

East Kilbride

Country

United Kingdom