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## **The Provision of the Educational Management Information System**

Outwood Grange Academies Trust

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

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

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**Region code**

UKE45 - Wakefield

**Companies House**

06995649

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.outwood.com/>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

The Provision of the Educational Management Information System

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

- 48190000 - Educational software package

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

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Outwood Grange Academies Trust ("Outwood") intends to award a contract for the provision of its educational management system ("MIS").

#### **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: £2,181,085

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)

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

Outwood's requirement is to have one unified MIS across all of the trusts family of schools to simplify processes and to increase operating efficiency, reduce costs and streamline

the user experience.

By moving to a more modern cloud based MIS solution, Outwood will drastically reduce the number of individual systems and therefore logins that staff have to use. This migration to a unified system will also help in reducing costs associated with running multiple different operating platforms.

The intention is to also remove the additional costs associated with the MIS provision as part of this activity once the current contract expires.

Outwood requires an established provider that can incorporate the additional features it requires as part of standard functionality.

Outwoods intention is to migrate to the MIS operator that offers the highest level of compatibility to the current systems that the trust operate at the best value. This would ensure the most advantageous offering which looks to reduce migration impact to the schools and system users, reduces the costs in redeveloping systems in use and minimise costs and time involved in the need to retrain staff across the trust.

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This can be extended through further direct award at the end of the initial agreement through a suitable compliant framework agreement.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The intention is to use the KCS Education Management Systems framework agreement Y20024 direct award.

Outwood identified the requirement for the new MIS to be that which provides the most compatible connectivity to the range of internal and external systems being used across all of the schools. The most advantageous offer is delivered by Arbor and therefore the decision has been made to award the contract by way of direct award under the framework to Arbor.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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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**

2 April 2025

#### **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**

Arbor Education Partners Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

07790198

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: £2,181,084.61

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom