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2526-0004-No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) Connect

Islington

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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London

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.islington.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.islington.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

DN770670

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
 - AA01 - Metal

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Software development and hosting of a national immigration status checking and case prioritisation services for social care teams working with families, adults, children and care leavers affected by the no recourse to public funds condition

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: £1,500,000

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

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Islington Council has a contract with Locta Limited for the supply of a specialist IT software system supporting the council's No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) Connect, the national casework and immigration status checking service. The software is approved by the Home Office and is used by Islington Council and a further 88 local authorities nationwide to access the NRPF Connect service.

Islington Council is publishing the Voluntary Transparency Notice to inform that it will vary the agreement with the supplier to further develop the IT system to support two new integral modules to the NRPF system. Development of the system will in part be funded with an explicit grant from the Home Office for this purpose. The modules being developed are:

- RTPF Checker service - A national digital immigration status checking service, the development of which is funded by a Home Office grant. The RTPF Checker will support national eVisa roll-out by allowing subscribing organisations to 'look-up' a person's digital immigration status against Home Office systems.
- Resettlement Connect - A new refugee resettlement casework system, supporting delivery of integration support to refugees resettled under specific government funded schemes (e.g. for Afghanistan, Ukraine and from other countries through global refugee resettlement).

The value of the additional modules is £430,500. The notice is being issued for transparency purposes.

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

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:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

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Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 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

LOCTA LIMITED

Second Floor, Sovereign House, Stockport Road, Cheadle

England

SK8 2EA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Islington Council

N1 2UD

Country

United Kingdom