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Award

DAC 80/19 - GTCNI - Registration Database Interim Upgrade and Support and Maintenance

General Teaching Council Northern Ireland

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-015073

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-034187

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

General Teaching Council Northern Ireland

Albany House, 73-75 Great Victoria Street

BELFAST

BT2 7AF

Email

SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DAC 80/19 - GTCNI - Registration Database Interim Upgrade and Support and Maintenance

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 General Teaching Council Northern Ireland is placing this voluntary transparency notice to alert economic operators of its intention to modify the Registration Database Interim Upgrade and Support and Maintenance contract in accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (c) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This transparency notice does not place any obligation on the Authority to enter into this modification.

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: £565,744

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The General Teaching Council Northern Ireland have a contract with Miller Technology limited for the support and maintenance of the registration database.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract commenced in October 2004 for 3 years, with extensions until Sept 2011, then December 2012, then March 2015 with a derogation to January 2016. A number of DACs were awarded to extend the contract further in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019, extending the contract to 31 March 2022.

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

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:

To ensure continuity of service to the General Teaching Council Northern Ireland for their critical business functions whilst the requirement is retendered, it is permissible to rely on regulation 72(1)(c) -The need for the change could not have been foreseen by a “diligent” Department provided the changes do not affect the overall nature of the contract or exceed 50% of the value of the original contract value.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

1 October 2004

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

Miller Technology Limited

340 Grays Inn Road

London

WC1X 8BG

Email

SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

www.finance-ni.gov.uk

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: £615,105

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contract Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). The authority will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) before this contract is awarded..