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Award

Office for National Statistics - Managed Service for Ingres and OpenRoad Support

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKL21 - Monmouthshire and Newport

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/ons/aspx/Home>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Non departmental government body

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Office for National Statistics - Managed Service for Ingres and OpenRoad Support

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72250000 - System and support services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Office for National Statistics is the UK Governments recognised statistical institute, responsible for producing indicative statistics relating to UK economy, population, and society.

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: £3,696,980

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Newport

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The primary purpose of the contract is the delivery of a managed service by the supplier using a multi-disciplinary team to provide a service to maintain the ONS Ingres and

OpenRoad systems whilst work is carried out to migrate surveys off them and onto more up-to-date platforms.

The current contract is governed by the Crown Commercial Services RM1043.7; Digital Outcomes and Specialists 5 (DOS 5) Lot1 - Digital Outcomes.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical & Cultural Fit / Weighting: 80%

Price - Weighting: 20%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

ONS may extend the contract by up to 24 months.

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 preserve the continuity of knowledge and expertise built over the preceding four and a half years that will provide resilient and consistent support for the critical outputs produced by the organisation using the OpenROAD and Ingress applications.

OpenROAD is a database-centric, object-oriented, 4GL rapid application development (RAD) tool that lets you develop and deploy business applications on Windows, Linux and Unix. Ingres is an open-source relational database management system (DBMS) designed for large-scale commercial and government applications.

The expertise in the market for the size of managed service support required is very limited. The previous open tender only elicited one suitable response and a market engagement exercise failed to generate any suitable leads. Similarly, a search of purchasing platforms available to the organisation failed to match on the requirements.

A strategic resourcing decision not to train and develop permanent resources on legacy technologies means that there is no internal capability to support these applications.

The support provided for processing of survey data that enables the regular processing of surveys operated by ONS is a fundamental enabler for our core strategic aim of "statistics for the public good" and cannot be compromised.

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

14 May 2024

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

Diegesis Limited

Wimbledon/London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £3,696,980

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £3,696,980

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom