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Contract

## **Provision of Sign Language Interpretation Services**

Northern Ireland Assembly Commission

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04d62c

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Northern Ireland Assembly Commission

Parliament Buildings

Belfast

BT4 3XX

#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region 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**

Other activity

Legislature

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Provision of Sign Language Interpretation Services

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

- 79530000 - Translation services

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

Services

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

The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission is seeking to procure British Sign Language (BSL) and Irish Sign Language (ISL) translation and interpretation services in order to deliver its duties and provide an effective service to Members and the public. It is seeking to appoint a supplier of sign language interpretation services, in BSL/ISL, to support the Assembly's legislative, scrutiny and representational roles. This will facilitate understanding by a more diverse range of citizens of the policy, legislative and scrutiny work of the Assembly and its Committees, creating opportunities for broader engagement in the democratic process and leading to more informed and comprehensive decision making by the Assembly. These services may be required to be delivered in-person, in a live-broadcast environment and at times requests may be made for remote delivery, or provision in a recorded for broadcast video format.

#### **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: £178,100

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79540000 - Interpretation services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **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: [2025/S 000-002575](#)

#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

1

### **Title**

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

14 April 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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Belfast

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN06 - Belfast

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £178,100

Total value of the contract/lot: £178,100

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Contract performance will be monitored on an ongoing basis by both the Assembly Commission's Contract Manager and Procurement Office. Any issues with performance will be managed by the Contract Manager on an ongoing basis with any unresolved issues escalated to the Procurement Office. The supplier must provide quarterly performance data against the agreed KPIs.

### **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 PCR2015 as amended.

none

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and incorporated a standstill period of 10 calendar days at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision and provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.