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Delivery of Specific Apprenticeships Within the Construction Sector

Welsh Government

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Welsh Government

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL - Wales

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://gov.wales/

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Delivery of Specific Apprenticeships Within the Construction Sector

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The contract is to enable the delivery of continuing and new apprenticeships within specified niche construction occupations i.e. those occupations where the demand for apprenticeships is not sufficiently large enough in Wales to reach critical mass, and where there is no viable alternative to support continuing scaffolding apprenticeship learners.

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)

• 80530000 - Vocational training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The contract is to enable the delivery of continuing and new apprenticeships within specified niche construction occupations i.e. those occupations where the demand for apprenticeships is not sufficiently large enough in Wales to reach critical mass, or there is no viable alternative to support continuing scaffolding learners. The Welsh Government has concluded the procurement process for the award of the Apprenticeship Commissioning Programme, which was conducted in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulation 2015 ("The PCR"). None of the successful tenderers provide niche construction apprenticeships or can currently support continuing scaffolding apprentices. Save for CITB, no other third party organisation including unsuccessful tenderers can support the delivery of the niche construction apprenticeships required by WG. If WG do not award this contract; 1) circa 39 learners currently placed with CITB will become displaced learners, 2) Welsh learners will be excluded from accessing niche construction apprenticeships. For these reasons, the WG wishes to award a contract directly to CITB, for the delivery of niche construction apprenticeships in addition to supporting scaffolding apprentices continuing into the 2021/22 contract year, in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) (Use of the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication) of the PCR.

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:
 - o 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: 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

3 June 2021

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

CITB

Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays

Peterborough

PE28TY

Telephone

+44 7799470726

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

• UK - United Kingdom

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: £1,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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United Kingdom