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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

Corporate Procurement Services, Cathays Park

Cardiff

CF10 3NQ

#### **Email**

[CPSProcurementAdvice@gov.wales](mailto:CPSProcurementAdvice@gov.wales)

#### **Telephone**

+44 3000257095

#### **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](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

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**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

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## 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: Yes

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## **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

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## **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