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Award

ICT-21-008 Online School to Home Engagement Software Tool for Nursery and Primary Pupils

the Education Authority

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02927f

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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Region code

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ICT-21-008 Online School to Home Engagement Software Tool for Nursery and Primary Pupils

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The scope of this contract is for an Online Home Engagement Software Tool for Nursery and Primary Pupils to be accessible to all pupils in Nursery and Primary schools (approx.180,000 pupils) via the C2k Platform.

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: £1,406,122

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48190000 - Educational software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

ICT-21-008 - Online Home Engagement Software Tool.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

with options, subject to business case approval and funding, to extend for a further 3 periods of 12 months

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:

This contract is not an award without prior notice. This contract was awarded via an Open Procedure completed in 2021.

Modification is to increase awarded value by £374,122. This proposed value modification complies with Regulation 72 (1) (b) as stated below:

72.— (1) Contracts and framework agreements may be modified without a new procurement procedure in accordance with this Part in any of the following cases:

(b)for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement, where a change of contractor—

(i)cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, services or installations procured under the initial procurement, or

(ii)would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority,

provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

The increase of an additional £374,122.00 is 36% of the original contract award value.

Any change of contractor at this stage would cause significant inconvenience to the ongoing service delivery. There are also technical grounds in that the current Contractor is the only body able to maintain and service the current solution.

The option to extend was included in the original tender documentation. Failure to extend will result in the service being without an Online School To Home Engagement Software tool for Nursery & Primary Pupils.

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

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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

13 April 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

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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: £1,032,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures

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Country

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