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Contract

SOLAR Retender

Scottish Qualifications Authority

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-019263

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03df4a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Qualifications Authority

Lowden, 24 Wester Shawfair, Dalkeith

Midlothian

EH22 1FD

Email

Procurement@sqa.org.uk

Telephone

+44 03452136720

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.sqa.org.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00386

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

NDPB

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SOLAR Retender

Reference number

SQA2313

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212190 - Educational software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This tender indicates our requirement to further support the continuing of the delivery of our SOLAR (Scottish OnLine Assessment Resources) assessment service (www.sqasolar.org.uk). SOLAR enables the development and delivery of onscreen formative and summative assessment content across a range of qualifications delivered in Scotland and internationally. Additionally SOLAR is used to underpin the model of authoring of paper-based question and assessment items used in the National Qualifications in Scotland.

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: £1,610,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Criteria 1 – Proposed Business Solution and software / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Criteria 2 – Strategic Partnership / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Criteria 3 – Future Assessment Models / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Criteria 4 – Fair Work Practices / Weighting: 5

Price - 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

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SQA2313

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 February 2023

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

BTL Group Ltd

Salts Mill, Victoria Road

Shipley

BD183LF

Telephone

+44 127403250

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE41 - Bradford

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,610,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:737970)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom