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Contract

Free School Meal Provision, Food Vouchers

North Ayrshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0352d3

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00337

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Free School Meal Provision, Food Vouchers

Reference number

NAC/STA/5143

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 15897300 - Food parcels

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Free School Meal Provision, Food Vouchers

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: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Free School Meal Provision, Food Vouchers

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Sodexo has fair redemption fees and has not subjected North Ayrshire Council ("NAC") to any price increases since the voucher scheme was implemented back in 2020 despite rising supplier costs across other service areas. Sodexo has proved to be excellent value for money and provided an exemplar service which can be relied upon, particularly at short notice, and given the importance of this service to those entitled. The vouchers provided by Sodexo are only charged to NAC when they are used, and NAC are charged the face value for the voucher. Sodexo then charges a redemption fee per redeemed cost which covers support, invoicing, transaction fees and administration. This fee is a fixed fee per voucher and therefore the cost to NAC is variable based on the volume/amount of vouchers NAC procure and use. This fee has been held at constant prices for several years despite increased supplier costs in other service areas. The bulk of the costs is in the vouchers themselves. Sodexo redemption fees are reasonable and are considerably cheaper and quicker to execute than other available options. Sodexo provides a service which is currently unmatched in terms of competitive pricing.

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

Contract No

NAC/STA/5143

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 July 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sodexo Motivation Solutions UK Ltd

Avalon House, Breckland, Linford Wood

Milton Keynes

MK14 6LD

Telephone

+44 8450509532

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:699041)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, St Marnock Street

Kilmarnock

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<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/>

