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Award

Provision of International Student Recruitment services from Qobolak (Saudi Arabia)

City of Glasgow College

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03e0a4

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

City of Glasgow College

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Country

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NUTS code

UKM82 - Glasgow City

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00453

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

Provision of International Student Recruitment services from Qobolak (Saudi Arabia)

Reference number

CS/CoGC/23/18

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Services include:

Identify and recruit Trainees to the Saudi Tourism Programmes on behalf of COGC

Identify and through screening allocate the most appropriate training pathway for each Trainee

Manage all in country communications with UAU

Co-ordinate and manage all Trainees group communications

Arrange staff and transportation for airport transfers (UK airport to hotel, return)

Manage day to day arrangements with hotel accommodation for all Trainees including room allocation

Provide on-site coordinators in Glasgow offering 24/7 support to Trainees

Accompany Student Groups on site visits and cultural visits

Manage the welfare of Trainees

Main emergency contact for Trainees

Main emergency contact for COGC Staff

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: £546,250

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM8 - West Central Scotland

Main site or place of performance

190 Cathedral Street, Glasgow, G5 0RF

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

International Student Recruitment services

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular supplier due to the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights.

The provider is the preferred and chosen partner of the Ministry of Tourism. This opportunity would not be available to City of Glasgow College directly.

Due to the commercial nature of this agreement and complexities of tendering the requirements, a direct route to market without competitive actions is required.

After dialogue with other Institutions regarding this requirement, the key reasons for not tendering can be summarised below:

The commercially sensitive nature of the requirements. Some institutions will only use certain agents and some agents will only deal with certain institutions (mainly Universities).

No appetite for agents to tender especially in the Far East.

Certain agents are affiliated with certain Ministries. In this instance, the Ministry of Tourism will only engage with Qobolak. Without Qobolak, COGC could not benefit from this opportunity.

Agents will not sign up to Institutions terms and conditions.

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

Contract No

CS/CoGC/23/18

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 July 2023

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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Country

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NUTS code

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Internet address

<https://www.qobolak.com/en/>

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: £546,250

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Glasgow

Country

United Kingdom