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Contract

## **ID 3487833 Dof - Library Service – Supply and delivery of Monographs**

Department of Finance

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-020203

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b8d5

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

ID 3487833 Dof - Library Service – Supply and delivery of Monographs

Reference number

ID 3487833

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The NICS, which will be referred to as the “Authority”, through the Department of Finance, requires to establish a contract for the supply and delivery of monographs in both print and electronic format to all beneficiaries of the contract including the Authority and the Northern Ireland Assembly. A full list of Contract users is provided in the Specification document. The scope of the contract is in two Lots. Each lot will be evaluated and awarded independently. Tenderers may apply for one or both Lots: Lot 1. General publications (publications generally available from a variety of publishers with a wide subject coverage) Lot 2. E-books (general publications as in Lot 1 published in electronic format)

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1. General publications

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books
- 22120000 - Publications
- 22121000 - Technical publications

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 - Proposed Delivery and Quality of Service / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 - Contract Management / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 - Bibliographic Support / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: AC4 - Percentage discount offered / Weighting: 45

Cost criterion - Name: AC5 - Delivery Cost / Weighting: 5

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be for an initial period of three years commencing on the date of award and will contain an option for renewal for a further period of one year.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The figure in II.1.7 is the maximum estimated total contract value for both Lots. The maximum estimated value for Lot 1 is £300,000.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2. E-books

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books
- 22120000 - Publications
- 22121000 - Technical publications

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

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Quality criterion - Name: AC2 - Contract Management / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 - Bibliographic Support / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: AC4 - Percentage discount offered / Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be for an initial period of three years commencing on the date of award and will contain an option for renewal for a further period of one year.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The figure in II.1.7 is the maximum estimated total contract value for both Lots. The maximum estimated value for Lot 2 £200,000

## **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**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-012644](#)

#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

1

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Lot 1. General publications

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

17 August 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

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: 4

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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- UK - United Kingdom

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £300,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £300,000

## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

2

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Lot 2. E-books

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

17 August 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

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

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#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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NUTS code

- US - United States

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £200,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Contract Monitoring. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with PGN 01/12. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the certificate..

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.