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Contract

Period Product provision to schools and post-16 education organisations across England

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-032816

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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://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Period Product provision to schools and post-16 education organisations across England

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33771100 - Sanitary towels or tampons

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education (DfE) has contracted a national supplier for the provision of free period products to schools and post-16 education providers across England.

The supplier will deliver the end-to-end service, including the sourcing of products, management of the user interface(s) and the delivery of products directly to organisations.

The DfE's 2018 omnibus survey found that 83% of secondary school leaders reported making free period products available to pupils, with 41% doing so because of a reason related to pupils' inability to afford period products. Of the secondary school leaders who

reported making free products available, 78% said provision was funded from school budgets, 26% used charitable donations and 17% said teachers funded products themselves.

No-one should be held back from reaching their potential, which is why we announced a scheme to provide access to free period products in schools and colleges in England, which is fully funded by the government. On 20 January 2020, the DfE launched the national period products scheme for all state maintained schools and 16-19 education organisations. Period product scheme for schools and colleges in England – GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) .

In January 2022, DfE announced that 68% of eligible organisations had accessed the scheme since it began, including 90% of eligible secondary schools. Period Products Scheme: 2021 Management Information (publishing.service.gov.uk)

This is a 'demand-led' service available to approximately 22,000 organisations across England, with an accessible and easy to use means of interaction and product ordering.

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: £24,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

An open procurement was undertaken in adherence to Public Contracting Regulations 2015 and OJEU principles. This required a single national supplier who can from September 2022:

- Source an appropriate range of period products including environmentally friendly products
- Design and implement user interfaces and support services

- Plan and execute a national delivery service

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option for a 12 month extension at the sole discretion of the Authority

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

Notice number: [2022/S 000-008571](#)

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

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

con_15251

Title

Period Product provision to schools and post-16 education organisations across England

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 July 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Personnel Hygiene Services Ltd

Block B, Western Industrial Estate

Caerphilly

CF83 1XH

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: £24,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom