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Contract

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

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-020802

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-032816

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

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

Department for Education

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London

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#### **Telephone**

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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

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**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](http://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](http://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

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# **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

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

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### 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

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom