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Contract

## **Contract for the Replacement of the Wireless Network within Parliament Buildings**

Northern Ireland Assembly

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

Northern Ireland Assembly

Parliament Buildings, Stormont

BELFAST

BT43XX

#### **Email**

[procurement@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@niassembly.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN06 - Belfast

**Northern Ireland Assembly**

Northern Ireland Assembly Commission

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/>

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

Other type

Legislature

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Legislature

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Contract for the Replacement of the Wireless Network within Parliament Buildings

Reference number

Project Code: BR-087-2021 eTendersNI Ref: ID 4754576

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

The Assembly Commission is seeking to appoint a supplier who will assist: a) To completely replace the existing Wi-Fi network infrastructure within Parliament Buildings. b) To supply a resilient and secure enterprise wireless network solution and ensure that Internet access is available to approximately 600 users within the confines of the building (toilets, lightwells, lifts and plant risers and outdoor areas are not in scope). c) To provide users with a wireless network that can support all common Internet protocols and be capable of maintaining connectivity when users utilise bandwidth intensive applications, i.e. video conferencing, VoIP Telephony etc. d) To replace the current wireless LAN in a way that causes minimum disruption to the routine day-to-day work of the Assembly. e) To remove and dispose of the existing Wi-Fi hardware in a secure and environmentally friendly way.

#### **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: £350,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Belfast

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Various / Weighting: 45

Price - Weighting: 55

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

Options: No

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## **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:

This was not a direct award of contract.

The Assembly Commission conducted a further competition from the Crown Commercial Services framework Network Services, RM3808 (lot 2 - local connectivity services). This framework had been put in place by CCS under Regulation 33 of the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) 2015.

All suppliers (30+) on the framework were invited to tender. It was conducted in line with the user protocol published with the framework and the principles of public sector procurement were upheld.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

31 July 2023

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

Number of tenders received: 2

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

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

Softcat PLC

Fieldhouse Lane, Marlow, Bucks

Marlow

SL7 1LW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Companies House

02174990

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: £350,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £350,000

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £350,000

Proportion: 100 %

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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The sub-contractor has been confirmed as a permitted sub-contractor of the main contractor under the framework by Crown Commercial Services.

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

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

Northern Ireland Court Service

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom