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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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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03ee35

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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

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

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

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

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 %

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