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Contract

## **Personalised Assessments in Reading and Numeracy**

Welsh Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-038978

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

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

Welsh Government

Commercial Procurement DDaT, Cathays Park

Cardiff

CF10 3NQ

#### **Contact**

ICT Procurement

#### **Email**

[ICTProcurement@gov.wales](mailto:ICTProcurement@gov.wales)

#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://gov.wales>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007)

**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**

Personalised Assessments in Reading and Numeracy

Reference number

C084/2021/2022

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

- 72212190 - Educational software development services

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

Services

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

Welsh Government is awarding a contract to deliver Personalised Assessments in Wales as a full end-to-end digital service. Personalised assessments in reading and numeracy are statutory for learners in maintained schools in Wales from Years 2 to 9. The adaptive assessments are designed to support understanding of individual learner progression as part of Curriculum for Wales.

The assessments are for formative use, with a range of feedback on individuals, classes and groups that support understanding of strengths and areas for improvement.

The successful supplier will be required to provide a continuation of a digital service, develop and deliver a suite of services, including:

- An intuitive and user-friendly web-based and fully bilingual interface;
- A suite of four web-based adaptive assessments – English Reading, Welsh Reading, Numeracy (Procedural) and Numeracy (Reasoning);
- Content for the adaptive assessments appropriate for learners from Year 2 to 9
- Reporting (standardised and bespoke);
- Bilingual support/service desk; and

- Provide fully hosted infrastructure (UK/EU located data centre).

The successful supplier will be required to:

- be certified under either ISO27001 or Cyber Essentials Plus schemes;
- ensure the solution is fully bilingual and complies with level AAA of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) / ISO 40500:2012;
- manage the integration with existing systems, ensuring efficient and ongoing data transfer and providing a fully integrated solution with a single sign-on;
- manage the seamless and secure transition from the current service to the new solution, including all content and data migration, the adaptive algorithm and assessment reports; and
- take an innovative approach, seeking to improve and add value to the service, as new products and approaches become available.

#### **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: £20,000,000

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

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

- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 72212190 - Educational software development services
- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

This is a digital service and will be delivered to schools across Wales.

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

The contract will be for 4 years with the option to extend for 2 further periods of 12 months (6 years in total).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Options: No

#### **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 000-033921](#)

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

### **Contract No**

C084/2021/2022

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

10 August 2023

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

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

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

AlphaPlus Consultancy Ltd

AlphaPlus c/o AQA, Devas Street

Manchester

M156EX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

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: £20,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £20,000,000

**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: £11,400,000

Proportion: 57 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Web User Interface, including support & hosting; Assessment delivery platform, including support & hosting; Design of assessments; and training

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

(WA Ref:133966)

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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