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Contract

ID 3481046 - DfC - Provision of a Virtual Recruitment Platform

Department for Communities, Employer Services Branch

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02bd7e

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ID 3481046 - DfC - Provision of a Virtual Recruitment Platform

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

DfC wish to procure the services of a provider of a virtual recruitment platform to deliver recruitment events of varying sizes, over an initial period of 2 years (with the option to extend the contract subject to satisfactory performance, demand for service, and budgetary provision for a further 1 year). Virtual recruitment events will be an alternative to face to face events when those are unfeasible due to Covid-19 restrictions, but will complement the face to face Departmental offer when Covid-19 restrictions are eased. Please see the document entitled "ID 3481046 – Specification Schedule" for full details of the requirement.

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: £230,996.25

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72210000 - Programming services of packaged software products
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services

- 72260000 - Software-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 75

Price - Weighting: 25

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

After the initial contract period of 2 years there is one optional extension period of 1 year

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 September 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

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

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Country

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NUTS code

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Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £230,996.25

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation in public procurement competitions. Instead, challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the Public Contracts Regs 2015

United Kingdom

Country

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contract Regulations 2015 provide aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). The Authority incorporated a standstill period before this contract was awarded. The standstill period was for a minimum of 10 calendar days..