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Contract

Future Theory Test Service (FTTS) Test Centre Network (TCN) - Modification

Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-023494

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-051988

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency

Nottingham

NG2 1AY

Email

commercial.theory.test@dvs.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/driver-and-vehicle-standards-agency>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Future Theory Test Service (FTTS) Test Centre Network (TCN) - Modification

Reference number

Region A: K280020852, Region B: K280020919, Region C: K280020920

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80411100 - Driving-test services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA), an executive agency of the Department for Transport, acting in its capacity as procurement agent on behalf of The Secretary of State for Transport has undertaken a procurement process adopting the Competitive Dialogue procedure (Contract Notice 2019/S 213-523071) for the provision of the Regional Test Centre Networks ("TCN") across Great Britain and Northern Ireland for its Future Theory Test Service (FTTS).

The TCN is packaged into three regional Lots: Region A, Region B, and Region C. The Region A contract specifically includes provisions for the Driver and Vehicle Agency (an executive agency of the Northern Ireland Department for Infrastructure). Having completed this competition DVSA appointed the successful suppliers for each of the three regional Lots in accordance with the procedures set out in the procurement documents,

including the detailed contract award process.

In order to prepare the TCN Contracts for the remainder of the contract term (expiry September 2028) the financial value of the TCN Contracts will need to be increased.

This notice relates to a Modification of the TCN Contracts in accordance with Regulation 72 (1)(c) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The Modification being an increase in total financial contract value of £115,550,000 (from £231,100,000 to £346,650,000)

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

84

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.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

Notice number: [2019/S 213-523071](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

Region A: K280020852, Region B: K280020919, Region C: K280020920

Title

Future Theory Test Service (FTTS) Test Centre Network (TCN) - Modification

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

22 November 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Pearson Professional Assessments Limited

London

WC2R 0RL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Reed in Partnership Ltd

London

SE17 3PY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £346,650,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Transport

London

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 80411100 - Driving-test services

VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80411100 - Driving-test services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

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VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£346,650,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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London

WC2R 0RL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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Country

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NUTS code

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No

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The contract modification addressed by this Notice is for the increase in financial contract value to ensure provision of ongoing services and continuity of the current delivery model.

The Agency have a statutory obligation to deliver the Theory Test and therefore there can be no gap in service delivery.

Other than the financial contract value increase of the agreement, all other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

This notice relates to the modification of an existing contract under regulation 72(1)(c) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("PCR").

The modification has become necessary because of the unforeseen increase in demand for the service following the Covid-19 Pandemic; increased contract spend is as a result of increased demand.

The modification to the contract value is based upon current forecasting & allowance for annual CPI increases with a small tolerance.

The modification does not exceed 50% of the original contract value: Original Contract Value £231,100,000, Modification to Contract Value + £115,550,000, Total Contract Value £346,650,000.

There have been no previous Modification/s to the contract financial value.

Other than the financial contract value increase of the Agreement, as set out under this Modification Notice, all other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

The modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract.

DVSA are developing Theory Test Service requirements for a competitive procurement activity in 2026. The Agency have a statutory obligation to deliver the Theory Test and therefore there can be no gap in service delivery whilst requirements are reviewed and tested across the broader market, to mitigate risks associated with this statutory service.

Work will also be undertaken to assess how the new procurement regulations can be used to maximize the effectiveness of re-procurement activities, fostering broader market opportunities and encouraging innovative solutions.

This requirement will align with the needs of the wider Theory Test category and work is underway to help ensure a well-structured future tender exercise, that is fair and favourable to the wider market, and which facilitates the selection of the Most Advantageous Tender under the new procurement regulations.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £231,100,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £346,650,000