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Contract

## **Special EU Programmes Body - Provision of a Scoping Study for the Development of the Smart Towns and Villages Investment Area of Peace Plus**

Special EU Programmes Body

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02cb39

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

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

Special EU Programmes Body

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BELFAST

BT2 7GP

#### **Contact**

ssdadmin.cpdfinance-ni.gov.uk

#### **Email**

[SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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**

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Reference number

ID 3514757

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

- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

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

Services

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

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#### **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: £186,400

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

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

- 79411000 - General management consultancy 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 Criteria / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 40

#### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) manages cross-border cooperation programmes. PEACE PLUS is a new cross border programme that will contribute to a more prosperous and stable society in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland

PROVISION OF A SCOPING STUDY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SMART TOWNS AND VILLAGES INVESTMENT AREA OF PEACE PLUS

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Contract for 10 Months with no option to extend

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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: [2021/S 000-017355](#)

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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**

22 September 2021

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

Number of tenders received: 3

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: 3

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

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

URBAN FORESIGHT LIMITED

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

NE4 5TF

Email

[hello@urbanforesight.org](mailto:hello@urbanforesight.org)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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

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: £186,400

Total value of the contract/lot: £186,400

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements.. is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract.. performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract.. performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still. does. not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and. they may. be issued with a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Certificate of. Unsatisfactory. Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres. of Procurement. Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from. the date of issue of. the certificate.

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures

N/A

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.