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## **DAC 63/23 – DE – CCEA – CA:2E Support**

The Council for the Curriculum, Examinations Assessment

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

The Council for the Curriculum, Examinations Assessment

29 Clarendon Road, Clarendon Dock

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BT1 3BG

#### **Email**

[ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region 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**

Education

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### **Section II: Object**

#### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

##### **II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

ID 4980772

##### **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 Council for the Curriculum, Examinations & Assessment require continued use of the CA:2E Software Development Environment (SDE) which is CCEA's main business application allowing the collection and storage of exam and coursework marks from candidates, calculation of grades for candidates and to produce results for candidates. This Direct Award Contract (DAC) will be for 3 years and expire on 17 September 2026

##### **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: £120,019.79

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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#### **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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

The Council for the Curriculum, Examinations & Assessment require continued use of the CA:2E Software Development Environment (SDE) which is CCEA's main business application for 3 years until 17 September 2026. There are derogations under the regulations to award a contract to a single supplier where the supplies or services can only be supplied by a particular supplier for reasons connected with the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights (regulation 32(2)(b)(iii)) in that the supplier owns exclusive rights to the software.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract/concession

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

29 August 2023

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

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

IGNITE UKI LTD

22-26 King Street

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PE30 1HJ

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

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £120,019.79

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.