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Award

EDR-24-014 Provision of Special Educational Needs Pre-school education

the Education Authority

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-048a84

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

EDR-24-014 Provision of Special Educational Needs Pre-school education

Reference number

EDR-24-014

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of pre-school education for identified pupils with Special Educational Needs for the period 01 September 2024 to 30 June 2025. This service falls under the scope of PCR 2015 Schedule 3 Social and other Specific Services (PPN 01/21 Procurement of Social and Other Specific Services applies)

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: £81,600

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.11) 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

II.2.14) Additional information

These requirements are for a period of ten months and fall below the light touch threshold for Schedule 3 Services Social and other specific services, therefore in accordance with Regulation 77 and in line with PPN 02/21 Procurement of Social and other Specific Services, the Education Authority intend to directly award this contract without competition to an organisation whose purpose is in the pursuit of a public service mission. It is the intention of the Education Authority to simultaneously launch a pre-market engagement exercise to initiate an open tender process to procure these services for a longer term.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

8 August 2024

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

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

National registration number

NIC100114

Internet address

<https://www.solasbt7.com/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £81,600

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £81,600

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom