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Tender

## **ID 3586501 DfE - BMC - Provision of Advertising (Media buying) services to Belfast Metropolitan College**

Belfast Metropolitan College

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-025789

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02ec2a

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

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

Belfast Metropolitan College

125–153 Millfield Road

BELFAST

BT1 1HS

#### **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.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

ID 3586501 DfE - BMC - Provision of Advertising (Media buying) services to Belfast Metropolitan College

Reference number

ID 3586501

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

- 79341000 - Advertising services

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

Services

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

Belfast Metropolitan College (Belfast Met) wishes to appoint an advertising agency to provide advertising in the form of media planning and related services (production and research for strategy) to promote its Further Education, Higher Education Full Time and Part Time provision in order to recruit prospective students and employer recruitment campaigns.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £294,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 79341400 - Advertising campaign services
- 79341200 - Advertising management services
- 79340000 - Advertising and marketing services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

Belfast Metropolitan College (Belfast Met) wishes to appoint an advertising agency to provide advertising in the form of media planning and related services (production and research for strategy) to promote its Further Education, Higher Education Full Time and Part Time provision in order to recruit prospective students and employer recruitment campaigns.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £294,000

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

Duration in months

9

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This Contract is expected to commence in November 2021 for an initial period until 31 July 2022 with the

option to extend for two further one year periods, dependent on internal approvals.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Contract is expected to commence in November 2021 for an initial period until 31 July 2022 with the

option to extend for two further one year periods, dependent on internal approvals.

#### **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**

The figure in II.2.6 is the maximum estimated contract value

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

as per Tender documentation

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

as per Tender documentation

#### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

##### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

as per Tender documentation

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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

16 November 2021

Local time

3:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 14 February 2022

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

16 November 2021

Local time

3:30pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Only CPD Procurement Staff with access to the project on eTendersNI.

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: If required following the expiry of this contract.

### VI.3) Additional information

Contract Monitoring. 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." . . "The Authority expressly reserves the rights:. . (I). not to award any... contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice;. (II). to make whatever changes it may see fit... to the content and structure of the tendering Competition;. (III). to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the [services] covered... by this notice; and. (IV). to award contract(s) in stages.. . and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by. candidates."

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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

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.