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Contract

## **Welsh Government Evaluation of the Universal Primary Free School Meals Policy**

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04512a

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

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

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

Gwasanaethau Caffael Corfforaethol / Corporate Procurement Services, Parc Cathays / Cathays Park

Caerdydd / Cardiff

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#### **Telephone**

+44 3000257095

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://gov.wales>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007)

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Welsh Government Evaluation of the Universal Primary Free School Meals Policy

Reference number

C262/2022/2023

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73110000 - Research services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

The Welsh Government is seeking to contract for an evaluation of the Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM) policy in Wales.

#### **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: £344,425

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

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

- 79310000 - Market research services
- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

The Welsh Government is seeking to contract for an evaluation of the Universal Primary Free School Meals (UPFSM) policy in Wales. The evaluation will consider the effectiveness of the implementation of the UPFSM policy and emerging impacts on children, their families, schools and other key stakeholder groups. The evaluation will be a key source of evidence and provide actionable evidence and insights to inform policy development.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Demonstration of a clear understanding of the policy context, rationale for undertaking the research and key considerations for the research /

Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Proposed methodology, which clearly outlines a detailed research design and demonstrates how the aim and objectives of this study will be met. / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Evidence of staff roles, suitability of staff for those roles and days to be spent on each task per staff member / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Evidence of an understanding of, and ability to meet project timetable and dependencies/risks. / Weighting: 15

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Provision of a Scoping study for a counterfactual impact evaluation which may then be subject to delivery within the contract period. Contract value stated in notice includes the estimated budget for this work, which will be released should the impact evaluation be required.

### **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**

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: [2024/S 000-011675](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

C262/2022/2023

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

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

5 August 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

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

ICF CONSULTING LIMITED

1st Floor 62/63 Threadneedle Street

London

EC2R8HP

Telephone

+44 2030964853

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £350,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £344,425

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

E-Tender Information:

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

- The first person from your Organisation to use the Platform will be required to register on behalf of the

Organisation.

- Registration involves accepting a User Agreement, and providing basic information about your

Organisation and about the User performing the Registration.

- On registering on the Platform the Super User will select a Username and will receive a password.

- The Password will be sent by e-mail to the email address that was specified in the User Details section of

the Registration page.

- In order to log-in to the Platform please enter your Username and Password.

- Note: If you forget your Password then visit the homepage and click "Forgot your password?"

- Registration should only be performed once for each Organisation.

- If you think that someone in your Organisation may have already registered on this Platform then you

must not register again.

- Please contact the person who Registered (i.e. the Super User) in order to arrange access to the Platform.

- Contact the Helpdesk immediately if you are unable to contact the Super User (for example if they have

left your Organisation).

- Note: If your Organisation is already registered on the Platform then you must not make any additional

registration. Please contact the

Helpdesk to gain access to the Platform.

- Tenders must be uploaded to the BravoSolution portal by 14:00 on the specified deadline date. Late bids will not be accepted.

How To Find The ITT:

- Once logged in you must click on 'ITT's Open to all Suppliers'

- The e-tender references for this contract are: project\_56077 and itt\_109745

- Click on the title to access summary details of the contract. If you are still interested in submitting a

tender, click the 'Express an Interest' button. This will move the ITT from the 'Open to all Suppliers' area to

the 'My ITT's' on the home page.

- You will then see the full details of the ITT in the qualification and technical envelopes along with any

relevant documents in the 'Attachments' area.

- Any questions on the ITT, please use the 'Messages' area to contact the buyer directly

(WA Ref:140559)

The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia bidding

NOTE: The authority is using eTenderwales to carry out this procurement process. To obtain further information record your interest on Sell2Wales at [https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search\\_switch.aspx?ID=140559](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=140559)

Under the terms of this contract the successful supplier(s) will be required to deliver Community Benefits in support of the authority's economic and social objectives. Accordingly, contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social and

environmental considerations. The Community Benefits included in this contract are:

Stated in the tender documentation.

(WA Ref:140559)

The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

(WA Ref:143888)

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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