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## **DAC 137/21 - DoH - Access to pensions legislative database**

Department of Health, Workforce Policy Directorate – Pensions Unit

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

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

Department of Health, Workforce Policy Directorate – Pensions Unit

Waterside House, 75, Duke Street

Londonderry

BT47 6FP

#### **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.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**

DAC 137/21 - DoH - Access to pensions legislative database

##### **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 Department require an up to date (and constantly updated) legislative database with full searchable functionality and the ability to trace complex amendments. With access to other health service pension schemes legislation for comparison purposes.

##### **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: £136,800

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

The Department require an up to date (and constantly updated) legislative database with full searchable functionality and the ability to trace complex amendments. This service will also provide access to the other health service pension schemes legislation for comparison purposes. The required service is currently provided by Pendragon through Perspective, their legal and regulatory information service for the UK pensions industry. The contract will be for a period of 3 years.

#### **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:

DOH will rely on regulation.32 2 b ii and iii due to technical reasons as Pendragon own exclusive rights to the Perspective pensions legislative database and would not permit any other supplier to access or support/maintain it. In addition the database allows DoH NI to remain in parity with other UK jurisdictions currently utilising the database.

#### **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**

21 October 2021

#### **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**

Pendragon, Wilmington Publishing and Information Ltd

5th floor 10 Whitechapel High Street

London

E1 8QS

Email

[info@pendragon.co.uk](mailto:info@pendragon.co.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Internet address

[www.pendragon.co.uk](http://www.pendragon.co.uk)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £136,800

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. 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.

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contract Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). The authority incorporates a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) before this contract is awarded.