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## **ICT-20-025 Printer Cartridges**

the Education Authority

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049404

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

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

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **Email**

[ict.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:ict.procure@eani.org.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**

ICT-20-025 Printer Cartridges

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

- 30000000 - Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages

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

Supplies

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

Supply and delivery of Printer Cartridges to the Education Authority via further competition under CCS framework RM6059 - Lot 2 Office Supplies

#### **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: £4,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

Supply and delivery of printer cartridges to various locations across EA including schools.

### **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**

This notice is to extend the current contractual arrangement by 4 months (up to 31st December 2024) to allow time to facilitate a new procurement.

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## 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:

This modification is in accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (e):

It meets each of the following conditions:

(e) where the modifications, irrespective of their value, are not substantial within the meaning of paragraph (8);

Paragraph (8) states:

A modification of a contract or a framework agreement during its term shall be considered substantial for the purposes of paragraph (1)(e) where one or more of the following conditions is met: —

- (a) the modification renders the contract or the framework agreement materially different in character from the one initially concluded;
- (b) the modification introduces conditions which, had they been part of the initial procurement procedure, would have—
  - (i) allowed for the admission of other candidates than those initially selected,
  - (ii) allowed for the acceptance of a tender other than that originally accepted, or
  - (iii) attracted additional participants in the procurement procedure;
- (c) the modification changes the economic balance of the contract or the framework agreement in favour of the contractor in a manner which was not provided for in the initial contract or framework agreement;
- (d) the modification extends the scope of the contract or framework agreement considerably;

(e) a new contractor replaces the one to which the contracting authority had initially awarded the contract in cases other than those provided for in paragraph (1)(d).

This proposed modification:

(a) Does not render the contract materially different in character. It is the exact same service being provided for an additional 4 months only.

(b) Does not introduce conditions that;

(i) Would have allowed for admission of other candidates than those initially selected.

(ii) Would have allowed for the acceptance of a tender other than that originally accepted, and

(iii) Would have attracted additional participants to the procurement procedure.

(c) Does not change the economic balance of the contract as no additional value is being added to the original contract value. There is sufficient value remaining on the contract for a 4 month extension;

(d) Does not extend the scope of the contract considerably. This is for an additional 4 months only; and

(e) Does not introduce a new or replacement contractor.

#### **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**

27 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**

XMA Ltd

7 Handley Page Way

St Albans

Email

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

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.xma.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: £4,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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### **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

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United Kingdom