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## **ICT-20-001 Supply and Maintenance of Multi-Functional Devices and Photocopiers for Schools**

the Education Authority

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0495cf

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

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

the Education Authority

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Belfast

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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

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### **Section II: Object**

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

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

ICT-20-001 Supply and Maintenance of Multi-Functional Devices and Photocopiers for Schools

##### **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 Maintenance of Multi-Functional Devices and Photocopiers for Schools across Northern Ireland

##### **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: £1,595,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 79810000 - Printing services
- 79800000 - Printing and related services
- 79820000 - Services related to printing
- 79824000 - Printing and distribution services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

Supply and Maintenance of Multi-Functional Devices and Photocopiers for 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 VEAT is to inform the market of the proposal to extend the contract period by 12 months, up to 31st August 2025 and increase the contract award value by 10% (£1.450,000.00) in order to facilitate this.

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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:

Reg 72 (1)(e)

Not substantial regarding extension of the Term by an additional 1 year and the additional value is 10% of the original contract value.

The current Schools MFD contract expires on 31/08/2024. EA ICT before going out to procure a new contract need to review and understand the future printing requirements i.e. how many MFD's currently, types, locations, usage, print volumes. This review is essential as printing habits and trends have changed over recent years. It is estimated that this review will take a number of months to complete, and this will then be factored into a new procurement which itself will take an estimated 3 months to complete and award. The one year extension will provide sufficient time to conclude all of this and allow some time for any transition connected with a new contract.

It would appear that Regulation 72(1)(e) would apply under the circumstances.

The Regulation states: “(e)where the modifications, irrespective of their value, are not substantial within the meaning of paragraph (8)”

Paragraph 8 states:

(8) 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).

For this particular modification, it appears that the 1 year extension and small additional value (10%) are “not substantial” and therefore meets the conditions of paragraph 8.

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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: [2020/S 212-520700](#)

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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: Yes

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

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Country

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NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.calvert.co.uk/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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Internet address

<https://www.xerox.co.uk/en-gb>

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: £14,500,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,595,000

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## **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