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Award

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

the Education Authority

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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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

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.

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

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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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- 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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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

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Uxbridge

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Country

United Kingdom

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- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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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

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