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## **Micro Focus Cobol Support**

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00292](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00292)

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Social protection

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Micro Focus Cobol Support

Reference number

COPFS-2021-057

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72261000 - Software support services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

This is a VEAT Notice in connection with COPFS' Management Information System (PROMIS). A 1+1 contract is awarded to Micro Focus for the support and maintenance of the Micro Focus Cobol system in order to ensure continuity of service of PROMIS. Cobol is a legacy procedural programming language used globally across public and private sector business IT solutions. It is used by COPFS to compile and run PROMIS. The COPFS version of PROMIS runs only using Micro Focus Cobol.

**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: £103,821

**II.2) Description****II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The scope of the contract is annual support and maintenance renewal of MicroFocus Cobol. Cobol is a legacy procedural programming language used globally across public and private sector business IT solutions. It is used by COPFS to compile and run Inslaw's Prosecutors Management Information System (PROMIS). The COPFS version of PROMIS runs only using Micro Focus Cobol.

**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**

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:

The scope of the contract is annual support and maintenance renewal of MicroFocus Cobol. Cobol is a legacy procedural programming language used globally across public and private sector business IT solutions. It is used by COPFS to compile and run its Management Information System (PROMIS). The COPFS version of PROMIS runs only using Micro Focus Cobol.

As part of the COPFS Digital Strategy, ISD intends replacing this software with Open Source software solutions, removing the need to purchase licences from MicroFocus. The work involved is, however, complex and has to be resourced, planned and change managed carefully. This work has had to be managed around COVID-19 pandemic, RRT and delivery of other corporate priorities. ISD is currently testing an alternative Open Source solution for PROMIS. If successful, this will be deployed in 2022. Continued licencing and support for this software is therefore essential for supporting the current enterprise case management systems until this software is replaced. The 1+1 contract allows COPFS to contract for the shortest possible time while this work takes place.

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

COPFS-2021-057

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

4 November 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**

Micro Focus Software UK Limited

22-30 Old Bath Road

Newbury

RG14 1QN

Telephone

+44 1173707093

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

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: £103,821

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The MicroFocus Cobol Server software continues to be critical to the operation of the COPFS case management systems. MicroFocus Cobol is used to run and compile the PROMIS application that enables COPFS to manage and progress cases through the judicial system. It is a business-critical software component available only from the stated supplier.

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

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

Sheriff Clerks Office

PO Box 23, 1 Carlton Place

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