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Award

ID 2612780 -DfE - Tourism NI Tourism Business Hub and Website Development

DfE Tourism Northern Ireland

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02f431

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ID 2612780 -DfE - Tourism NI Tourism Business Hub and Website Development

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212610 - Database software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

DfE - Tourism NI is placing this voluntary transparency notice to alert economic operators of its intention to modify the Tourism NI Tourism Business Hub and Website Development contract in accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (b) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This transparency notice does not place any obligation on the Authority to enter into this modification.

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: £551,450

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 48780000 - System, storage and content management software package
- 48783000 - Content management software package
- 48612000 - Database-management system

- 72212780 - System, storage and content management software development services
- 72212783 - Content management software development services
- 72212600 - Database and operating software development services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Tourism NI require a Contractor to deliver a solution to provide the NI tourism industry

with a “one-stop-shop” tourism business hub as well as a corporate “shopfront” for the hub which will contain all necessary corporate information. A specification of requirements for this work is outlined below; this includes:- The delivery of a Tourism Business Hub including the development of our corporate website, the full integration with Microsoft Dynamics and software applications to deliver the functionality requested. Contractor(s) must note that there may be workload fluctuations at different time periods of the year.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Methodology and Implementation / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Contract Management / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Business Continuity / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: AC4 Total Contract Price / Weighting: 60

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract commenced on the 6 March 2020 for 2 years. There are 3 additional optional extension options of 1 year each.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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:

To allow TNI to complete critical work that has become necessary through recovery following the pandemic, it is permissible to rely on regulation 71(1)(b) as the required work was not included in the initial procurement documents and a change of supplier would not be practical practicable (for economic, technical or interoperability reasons) and would involve substantial inconvenience/duplication of costs.

This is not a modification for any additional time, but for additional services at £275,725 required within the contract term.

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 051-122319](#)

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

6 March 2020

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

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £827,175

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 will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) before this contract is awarded.