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## **ITSM Software and Support. Helpdesk System**

CESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKD62 - Cheshire East

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk)

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

ITSM Software and Support. Helpdesk System

Reference number

24 042

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

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

Halo IT Service Management Tool used to provide incident and request management, problem management, major incident management, change management and configuration management across the IT estate

#### **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: £283,800

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKD6 - Cheshire

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

The ITSM tool is core to the delivery of ICT operations. It fundamentally holds information on all the incidents (service failures) being managed, all the requests for change from users, all the technical changes managed across the estate and is a very substantial repository of operational knowledge and records of the software/hardware/assets that ICT manage.

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

This award avoids costs associated with the introduction of a new and non-configured system and gives the Council the ability to deliver customisations within timescale so as to avoid business interruption to a critical business system with alignment with the ongoing business change programme.

Section 32.(2) of the PCR 2015 provides that;

"The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases: - b) where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons: -

(i) the aim of the procurement is the creation or acquisition of a unique work of art or artistic performance,

(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons,

(iii) the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights,

but only, in the case of paragraphs (ii) and (iii), where no reasonable alternative or substitute exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement;

The ground on which this VEAT is justified is 32. (b) (ii) set out above

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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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**

3 September 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**

Halo Service Solutions Ltd

86 Eastburn Tower Eastburn Drive

Falkirk

FK1 1TX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

Companies House

SC216980

Internet address

<https://haloservicesolutions.com/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £283,800

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The council will incorporate a standstill period from the point at which information within this notification is published. The notification will provide full information on the award decision, the standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, this provides time for organisations to scrutinize the award decision before any contracts are entered into i.e. the end of the standstill period will be 13th September 2024.

Public Contract Regulations 2015 (SINO102) provides for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or who are at risk of harm by a breach of the regulations to take action in the high court (England, Wales, Scotland & Northern Ireland).