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Contract

BSP-24-005 Independent Mediation and Dispute, Avoidance Resolution Service for Children and Young People who have or may have Special Educational Needs

the Education Authority

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-028245

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047909

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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Belfast

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Email

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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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

BSP-24-005 Independent Mediation and Dispute, Avoidance Resolution Service for Children and Young People who have or may have Special Educational Needs

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80340000 - Special education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority in Northern Ireland is seeking to work with a Contractor for the provision of an Independent Mediation and Dispute Avoidance Resolution Service (DARS) for children and young people who have or may have a special educational need and/or disability and who are resident in 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: £3,535,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79131000 - Documentation services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Education Authority in Northern Ireland is seeking to work with a Contractor for the provision of an Independent Mediation and Dispute Avoidance Resolution Service (DARS) for children and young people who have or may have a special educational need and/or disability and who are resident in Northern Ireland.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Session Delivery Plan and Review / Weighting: 36

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Contract Management / Weighting: 12

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Social Value / Weighting: 12

Cost criterion - Name: Total Cost for Evaluation / Weighting: 40

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 is a demand driven contract with no guarantee of spend and the figure shown in II.1.7 represents the total maximum potential spend.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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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IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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8 Lytton Road

BARNET

EN5 5BY

Email

info@globalmediation.co.uk

Telephone

+44 2084411355

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £3,535,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,535,000

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

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures.

Belfast

Country

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