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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): ocids-h6vhtk-047909

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

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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

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## **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.

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## **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**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-020080](#)

#### **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

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## **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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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

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## **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.

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