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Award

Development for a Flexible Voting Pilots Programme.

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0278

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Development for a Flexible Voting Pilots Programme.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Intention to award a service contract for the delivery of The Welsh Government's Flexible Voting Pilots Programme with four Welsh Local Authorities to further develop the testing

process and to pilot early voting digital election polling services for the forthcoming May 2022 elections.

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: £967,083.80

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72212100 - Industry specific software development services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL2 - East Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The procurement comprises the appointment of Modern Democracy to pilot a digital election polling service by providing expert technical advice, development and delivery of a technical solution to enable four local authorities in Wales to trial alternative ways of voting at the Local Government Elections in May 2022. The Contract will be awarded for a period of six months.

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

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 purpose of this VEAT notice is to advise the market of the Council's intention to award a service contract to Modern Democracy via a Negotiated procedure without prior publication.

Modern Democracy is the existing contracted supplier to each of the four local authorities (Bridgend, Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly and Torfaen), who are participating in The Welsh Governments flexible voting pilot. This award is to extend the current contractual arrangements with Modern Democracy to pilot a digital election polling service by providing expert technical advice, development and delivery of a technical solution to enable four local authorities in Wales to trial alternative ways of voting at the Local Government Elections in May 2022.

This award will allow each authority to continue to utilise the operating platform that is configured to meet their election business requirements and which is integrated with its other key electoral ICT systems.

Given the existing contractual arrangements between Modern Democracy and the four pilot authorities and the associated urgency to realise the pilot enhancements by May 2022, the Council intends to award this six-month contract following the application of a 10 day standstill period; The Standstill period will commence on the day following the publication of this notice and will end at midnight.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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 December 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

Modern Democracy Ltd

Catalyst Inc.

Londonderry

BT487TG

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+44 7768011275

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0A - Derry City and Strabane

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: £967,083.80

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=116388.](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=116388)

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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