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Award

EDIS-23-002 Unified Customer Experience for EA Admissions, Transport, SEN and Free School Meals

the Education Authority

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04a36c

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

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

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

EDIS-23-002 Unified Customer Experience for EA Admissions, Transport, SEN and Free School Meals

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority carried out a procurement to further develop the Unified Customer Experience for EA Admissions, Transport, SEN and Free School Meals for the period 4 September 2023 - 3 September 2025 (with the option of a further 12 months extension).

This was a mini competition via CCS Framework Digital Outcomes 6 Lot 1.

The Education Authority is placing this transparency notice to alert economic operators of its

plans to modify a contract in accordance with Regulation 72(1)(b) of the Public Contracts

Regulation 2015 for an addition to the contract value of £650,000. This modification to increase value

does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

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: £1,250,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Unified Customer Experience for EA Admissions, Transport, SEN and Free School Meals

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Competence / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Cultural Fit / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by a period of 12 months

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:

This contract is not an award without prior notice. It is an increase in value of 50% of contract value to allow development on EA Connect to continue to provide a Unified Customer Experience for Admissions, Transport, SEN and Free School Meals improving the experience for parents, schools and EA staff.

Regulation 72(1)(b) states:

(b) for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement, where a change of contractor—

(i) cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, services or installations procured under the initial procurement, or

(ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority, provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

This modification meets these conditions as the additional services must continue to be technically compatible with what has already been developed by the Contractor under this contract and to change contractor at this point would cause significant inconvenience and a substantial duplication of costs to procure replacement services. The value of this modification (£625k) also does not exceed 50% of the original contract value (£1.25m).

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

26 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

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,250,000

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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

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom