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Contract

ACL Data Management System

Essex County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-030973

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04a393

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Essex County Council

COUNTY HALL

CHELMSFORD

CM11QH

Contact

Georgia Agius

Email

georgia.agius@essex.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/>

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

ACL Data Management System

Reference number

CO206/TPC62

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72320000 - Database services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

For the procurement of a MI System (adult education software) that supports ACL to manage the ESFA contract.

ACL are the third largest provider in the country. They manage an £8 million government contract from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) covering a wide range of curriculum provision including accredited learning, non-accredited learning, Apprenticeship, Skills Bootcamps, bespoke projects and employer led provision.

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: £152,150.42

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

A Waiver was approved to depart from Internal Rule 20 - General Principles Across Medium Risk Procurements: Where a contract total value exceeds £100,000 yet falls below the relevant European Thresholds a simplified tender process is required. This contract is for £152,150.40 which is below the PCR2015 threshold.

There are no provisions within the existing contract to extend the agreement. This necessitates a direct award to ensure continuity of service without disruption - Terms is a business critical piece of software so we need to retain the system for the next 3 years as we expect the whole process including moving to a new solution to take 3 years.

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

Title

ACL Data Management System

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 September 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

West March Systems Limited

4 Mason Court Gillan Way, Penrith 40 Business Park, Penrith, Cumbria, United Kingdom

Penrith

CA11 9GR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Companies House

06245182

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £152,150.42

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Essex County Council

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

Country

United Kingdom