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Contract

## **FAE-23-003 LIBRARY FURNITURE, SHELVING AND ACCESSORIES**

Education Authority

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-031028

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040db7

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

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

Education Authority

Ballee Road West

Ballymena

BT42 2HS

#### **Contact**

Furniture and Equipment Category

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[equipment.procure@eani.org.uk](mailto:equipment.procure@eani.org.uk)

#### **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.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**

FAE-23-003 LIBRARY FURNITURE, SHELVING AND ACCESSORIES

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 39155000 - Library furniture

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Education Authority (EA) invites tenders for the supply and delivery of LIBRARY FURNITURE, SHELVING AND ACCESSORIES to individual schools and EA locations within Northern Ireland for a period of 4 years

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1,417,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - Library Furniture

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 39155100 - Library equipment
- 33192000 - Medical furniture
- 39100000 - Furniture
- 39160000 - School furniture
- 39131000 - Office shelving

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

### **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

### **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**

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - Library Shelving

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 39155100 - Library equipment
- 33192000 - Medical furniture
- 39100000 - Furniture

- 39160000 - School furniture
- 39131000 - Office shelving

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 - Library Accessories

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 39155100 - Library equipment
- 33192000 - Medical furniture
- 39100000 - Furniture
- 39160000 - School furniture
- 39131000 - Office shelving

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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: [2003/S 000-021181](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

1

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Lot 1 - Library Furniture

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

29 September 2023

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 7

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 7

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Learning Space Belfast Ltd

Learning Space, The Meteor Building, 7 Corchoney Rd,

Cookstown

BT80 9HU

Email

[karl@learningspaceuk.co.uk](mailto:karl@learningspaceuk.co.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Creative Activity

Learning House, Altnagelvin Industrial Estate, Trench Road,

Londonderry

BT47 2ED

Email

[sales@creative-activity.co.uk](mailto:sales@creative-activity.co.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Joseph Flanagan and Son Ltd

14 Irish Street, Richhill

ARMAGH

BT61 9PS

Email

[mail@flaniganfurniture.com](mailto:mail@flaniganfurniture.com)

Country

United Kingdom

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Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

WF Education Group Ltd

Phoenix House, Battlefield Enterprise Park, Stafford Drive,

Shewsbury

SY1 3FE

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[sales@wf-education.com](mailto:sales@wf-education.com)

Country

United Kingdom

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Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Moffett and Sons Ltd T/A Balmoral Furniture

Seymour Hill Industrial Estate, Dunmurry

Belfast

BT17 9PW

Email

[educationsales@moffett.co.uk](mailto:educationsales@moffett.co.uk)

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: £747,500

Total value of the contract/lot: £747,500

## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

2

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Lot 2 - Library Shelving

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

29 September 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Storage Systems Ltd

Malahide Industrial Park, Coolock,

Dublin

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[G.McCourt@storagesystems.co.uk](mailto:G.McCourt@storagesystems.co.uk)

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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Yes

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Country

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Internet address

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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: £187,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £187,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

3

### **Lot No**

3

### **Title**

Lot 3 - Library Accessories

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

29 September 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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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: £482,500

Total value of the contract/lot: £482,500

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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

Not applicable

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation of procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead, any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The Education Authority in Northern Ireland operated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on award of contract/framework agreement was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract/framework agreement was entered into.