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Award

Online Business Information Factsheet Service

Welsh Government

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-030197

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL - Wales

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://gov.wales/>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Online Business Information Factsheet Service

Reference number

C109/2021/2022

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72321000 - Added-value database services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Client wishes to complement its business support services through subscribing to a commercially-produced online reference resource containing curated business information

factsheets, guides and reports. The resources will offer Business Customers looking to start a business in Wales and established businesses in Wales with information on commonly-asked questions relevant to setting up a particular type of business and generic business practices.

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: £90,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48600000 - Database and operating software package
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Client wishes to subscribe to a commercially-produced online reference resource, offering both Business Customers either looking to start a business or with established businesses; with information Factsheets on commonly-asked questions relating to a wide range of business types.

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The Factsheets must provide, clear information:

- relevant to setting up a particular type of business, including but not limited to:
 - the potential market for a product or service
 - the start-up costs

- the equipment that might be needed
- the laws and regulations that must be followed
- ideas on where to promote your business
- relevant to generic business practices including but not limited to:
 - writing a business plan
 - recruiting a member of staff etc.

the Supplier may also offer similar information, tailored to the particular needs of young people.

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The Client will make the Factsheets available to Business Customers on request through:

- its Business Support Service via its helpline;
- Business Wales local centers; and
- a limited web based self-service factsheet fulfillment option for Business Customers via an API to the Client's website.

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:

Under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, a contracting authority is not required to issue an award decision letter (under Regulation 86 (1)) or invoke a standstill period (Regulation 87) in relation to contracts below the value threshold laid out in Regulation 5.

Based on 3 previous tender exercises and additional market, Welsh Government has come to the conclusion that there is only one supplier able to meet the service requirements. The basis in law in accordance with the Directive is described in Regulation 32.—(2)(b)(ii) where competition is absent for technical reasons.

Please note that while the Welsh Government has taken a decision to voluntarily comply with Regulations 86(1) & 87 in relation to this Contract, it reserves its right not to voluntarily comply with Regulations 86(1) & 87 in relation to any future contracts below the threshold in relation to this or other contract.

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

Contract No

C021/2020/2021

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 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

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £100,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £90,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=115811.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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United Kingdom