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Contract

DE - Trends in International Mathematics and Science (TIMSS) 2023

Department of Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

DE - Trends in International Mathematics and Science (TIMSS) 2023

Reference number

3657041

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

TIMSS has been conducted every four years since 1995. Northern Ireland has participated since TIMSS 2011 and TIMSS 2023 will be the fourth cycle of TIMSS Northern Ireland will have participated in. For the 2023 cycle TIMSS will transition to the electronic based assessment version of the study, eTIMSS. The student contextual questionnaire will also be delivered electronically which was initiated in TIMSS 2019. Tenderers should be aware of and reflect the methodology set out by the study organisers the IEA (see Annexes 1 and 2) and approved by the Department, in their tenders. Tenderers should pay particular attention to: • Sampling methodology; • School and pupil participation rates; • Pupil assessment mode; • Contextual questionnaires mode(s); and • Study administration procedures. For each of the above referenced aspects of the delivery of TIMSS 2023, tenderers should note that the NRC will be responsible for ensuring that the requirements of the IEA, as the study organisers, are met.

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: £641,221

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Authority reserves the right to extend the contract for a further period of up to 6 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

Open procedure

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: [2021/S 000-026176](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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LONDON

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £641,221

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements. is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract. performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract. performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does. not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may. be issued with a certificate of unsatisfactory performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a certificate of unsatisfactory.. Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement. Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of 12 months from the date of issue. of the certificate.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures.

Bangor

Country

United Kingdom