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## **Independent Review Mechanism for Fostering and Adoption**

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://gov.wales>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Independent Review Mechanism for Fostering and Adoption

Reference number

C169/2023/2024

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Independent Review Mechanism (IRM) manages the process by which prospective or approved adopters, and prospective or existing foster carers, can seek a review of a 'qualifying determination' made by either their adoption or fostering agency.

#### **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: £247,600

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Welsh Government is seeking to award a contract to manage the Independent Review Mechanism (IRM) for Fostering and Adoption in Wales from 1 August 2024 . This contract will manage the Independent Review Mechanism (IRM) for Adoption and Fostering on behalf of the Welsh Ministers in accordance with the Independent Review of Determinations (Adoption and Fostering) (Wales) Regulations 2010.

#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Regulation 32(2)(b)(i,ii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015:

Children in Wales is the only known organisation that can undertake the work required in adherence to the applicable regulations, including delivering the specialised service effectively within the strict timescales as directed within the legislative framework.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

### **Contract No**

C169/2023/2024

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

23 October 2023

#### **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**

Children in Wales

21 Windsor Place

Cardiff

CF103BY

Telephone

+44 7545587147

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £247,600

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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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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