

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/032130-2024>

Contract

COV - Finance Software System

Coventry City Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-032130

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04a687

Published 7 October 2024, 4:23pm

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Coventry City Council

Council House, Earl Street

COVENTRY

CV15RR

Contact

Procurement Services

Email

procurement.services@coventry.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 2476831163

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG33 - Coventry

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.coventry.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

COV - Finance Software System

Reference number

COV - 18173

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72250000 - System and support services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Council of the City of Coventry has entered into a new contract with Unit4, in respect of the provision of finance software to the Council that includes implementation services, hosting and ongoing support and maintenance.

The contract will expire on the 31st December 2027.

The Council currently contracts and has a licence for the on -premise use of Unit 4's Business World Enterprise Resource Planning system.

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: £1,438,690

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG33 - Coventry

Main site or place of performance

Services to be delivered remotely.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Council of the City of Coventry has awarded a new contract with Unit4, in respect of the provision of finance software to the Council that includes implementation services, hosting and ongoing support and maintenance. The contract will expire on the 27th December 2027.

The Council currently contracts and has a licence for the on -premise use of Unit 4's Business World Enterprise Resource Planning system.

The Council has entered into the awarded contract with Unit 4 to enable the continuation of Unit 4 support and maintenance for its on-premise software and to cover Unit 4's implementation services, hosting and support for new hosted software for the contract term.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Mandatory / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

This award is lawful in accordance with the regulation 32(2)(c) as due to reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the Council, the time limits for the open or restricted procedures or competitive procedures with negotiation could not be complied with.

Unit 4 announced on the 17th October 2023 that from the 31st December 2024, they will stop providing support for on-premise installations of Business World (which is currently in place at the Council). The Council had no prior knowledge or warning of this decision.

The Council has a licence to use on-premise Business World software following the 1st January 2025, without support in place. Despite this, the Council could not accept the risk of operating on an unsupported finance system, with the potential of a support issue preventing the day to day delivery of services/operations.

Unit 4's decision left the Council with a requirement to re-procure and implement a new finance software contract, prior to Unit 4's deadline for the end of support for the current solution.

It was established by the Council that there was insufficient time to (i) perform a full scoping and specification exercise for what is one of the Council's most fundamental and strategic software systems, (ii) run a PCR2015 compliant Competitive with Negotiation Procedure (required due to the complexity of the procurement) and (iii) allow sufficient time for implementation of the hosted software following a successful outcome to the procurement process.

For this reason, the Council did not have the necessary time to award and implement a new contract prior to support being withdrawn for the Council's current on-premise system.

The Council has entered into the new contract with Unit 4 for the minimum necessary period to enable the continuation of support and maintenance for its on-premise software

and to cover Unit 4's implementation services, hosting and support for new hosted software for the contract term.

The awarded contract allows the Council the time necessary to conclude a procurement to award/implement a new contract for its finance software, with the new contract to commence prior to the end of this awarded contract (expiry 27th December 2027).

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

Contract No

COV - 18173

Title

COV - Finance Software System

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 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

Unit 4 Business Software Limited

Bristol

BS1 9HS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Companies House

01737985

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: £1,438,690

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,438,690

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Coventry City Council Legal Services

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom