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Contract

## **Electronic Marking System**

Scottish Qualifications Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044dec

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

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

Scottish Qualifications Authority

Lowden, 24 Wester Shawfair, Dalkeith

Midlothian

EH22 1FD

#### **Email**

[procurement@sqa.org.uk](mailto:procurement@sqa.org.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 03452136720

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.sga.org.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00386](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00386)

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

Other type

NDPB

## **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Electronic Marking System

Reference number

SQA2092

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

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

Extension to current Electronic Marking 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: £4,200,000

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

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

NUTS codes

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

Main site or place of performance

Scottish Qualifications Authority

The Optima Building, 58 Robertson Street, Glasgow G2 8DQ &

Lowden, 24 Wester Shawfair. Dalkeith, Midlothian EH22 1FD

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

Extension to SQA's current Electronic Marking System contract, required to their regulated duties as an awarding body

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Proposed Processes and Software Solution / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Demonstrate ability & methodology to deliver a quality service / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Evidence of ability to meet required delivery timescales / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Provision of relevant management information / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Evidence of Value added services / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 40

#### **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

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:

In June 2021 it was announced that that SQA was to be replaced and the subsequent announcement of the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment (Hayward Review) has meant that SQA's focus has been on maintaining risk free service delivery during the last 3 years of uncertainty, given multiple changes to our delivery model in that time.

#### 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: [2024/S 000-010177](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

SQA2092

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

29 November 2018

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

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

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**

RM Education Ltd

140 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park

Abingdon

OX14 4SB

Telephone

+44 8450700300

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,200,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

SQA will during 2024, issue a Prior Information Notice to engage with the market place on SQA's direction of travel with this service. This will happen once the outcomes of Hayward and the Education reform programme become clearer.

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

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

Glasgow Sheriif Court

Glasgow

G5 9DA

Country

United Kingdom