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Contract

## **DoJ - Northern Ireland Appropriate Adult Scheme**

Department of Justice

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0493fd

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

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

Department of Justice

c/o Construction and Procurement Delivery, 303 Airport Road West

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BT3 9ED

#### **Email**

[justice.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:justice.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

## **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**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

DoJ - Northern Ireland Appropriate Adult Scheme

Reference number

ID 5343195

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

- 75231200 - Services related to the detention or rehabilitation of criminals

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

Services

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

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Social Care Trusts. Rather the NIAAS provides the service of a trained and independent Appropriate Adult to support and advise a young person or vulnerable adult during detention in police custody when their relative, guardian or carer cannot or will not attend the police station to perform the role of an Appropriate Adult. The statutory Codes of Practice, issued under the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (commonly referred to as PACE), require an 'appropriate adult' to be called when a juvenile or vulnerable adult is detained in police custody. The role of the Appropriate Adult is to support, advise and assist individuals within these vulnerable groups to ensure they fully understand the detention process and their rights, particularly during police interviews. A juvenile is defined within PACE as a person under 18 years of age. PACE also extensively defines the term 'vulnerable' as applying to any person affected and impaired by a mental disorder.

#### **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: £2,600,000

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

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

- 75231200 - Services related to the detention or rehabilitation of criminals

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Details provided in Specification document.

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Transitional Arrangements / Continuity of Service / Weighting: 12

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Operational Service Delivery / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Contract Management / Weighting: 18

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Social Value – Indicator 4.1 / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Total Contract Period – five 5 years  
Initial Period – three 3 years  
Extensions – two one 1 year options

## **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

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: [2024/S 000-027229](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

1

### Title

DoJ - Northern Ireland Appropriate Adult Scheme

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

18 October 2024

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: 1

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Information withheld for security reasons

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[justice.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:justice.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk)

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,600,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,600,000

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Please note that information relating to contractors engaged by the Northern Ireland Department of Justice, and associated bodies, is not published in any publicly accessible forum or publication. This is to protect such contractors, whose security and safety could be threatened by dissident terrorist organisations still active in Northern Ireland if their details became known. This is consistent with Regulation 50(6)(a).. . The contract value listed is a broad estimate only and include additional quantum for unforeseen demand and to future proof for additional potential. There is no guarantee of any level of business under this contract. The estimate is not deemed to be a condition of contract nor a guarantee of minimum demand or uptake. No compensation will be payable to a contractor should the actual demand be less than that stated. . . Contract Monitoring: The successful contractors' performance on this contract will be managed as per specification and 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 Construction and Procurement Delivery 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 notice of written warning and notice of unsatisfactory performance and this contract may be terminated. The issue of a notice of written warning and notice 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 up to 3 years. from the date of issue of the notice.. . This project will be used to progress the Government's wider social, economic and environmental objectives.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

N/A

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

N/A - CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and would have incorporated a standstill period (i.e a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of the contract was communicated to tenderers. However, only one bid was received for this project so no standstill period was required.