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## **ID 5135832 - DAC 99/23 DfE - Invest NI – Support and Maintenance of a People Management Solution**

DfE - Invest NI

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041e21

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

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

DfE - Invest NI

Bedford Square, Bedford Street

BELFAST

BT2 7ES

#### **Email**

[SSDadmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDadmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

#### **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**

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

- 79211110 - Payroll management services

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

Services

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

Invest NI require continued support and maintenance of their current People Management solution to e to facilitate the storage and management of business-critical information and provide business continuity. This Direct Award Contract (DAC) will be for a period of 3 years.

### **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: £175,412.28

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 79631000 - Personnel and payroll services
- 48450000 - Time accounting or human resources software package

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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### **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:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

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The Supplier owns the IPR of the current system and are the only company who can provide support for the system, therefore it is not possible for another contractor to provide this support service. In accordance with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 Regulations there is derogation to award the contract to a single supplier where the service can only be supplied by a particular supplier where competition is absent for technical reasons (reg 32(2)(b)(ii)) and for reasons connected with the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights (reg 32(2)(b)(iii)).

#### 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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

30 November 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**

MHR International UK Limited

Ruddington Hall

Nottingham

NG11 6LL

Email

[marketing@midlandhr.com](mailto:marketing@midlandhr.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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

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: £175,412.28

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **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

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into