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Award

R5963 Corporate Finance System

Tower Hamlets

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

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Main address

<http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

R5963 Corporate Finance System

Reference number

DN703440

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72250000 - System and support services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Mayor and Burgesses of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets intend to enter into a contract with Unit4 in respect of the services described below. The proposed contract is term 3 years.

The Agresso (Business World Enterprise Resource Planning) application is the system used by the entire council for the management of its finances. The application is essential IT infrastructure as it provides accounting functionality which enables budget allocation and management across the whole council.

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: £835,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Agresso (Business World Enterprise Resource Planning) application is the system used by the entire council for the management of its finances. The application is essential IT infrastructure as it provides accounting functionality which enables budget allocation and management across the whole council.

The firm also provides support and maintenance under this contract. In addition Agresso will also be hosted by Unit 4.

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

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:

This award is lawful in accordance with the regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) because the competition is absent for technical reasons. The council has used the Agresso application for a number of years, and the system is an essential part of the council's IT infrastructure such that any down time or system failure would have a detrimental affect on the running of the council's services.

At the present time it would be impossible for the council to procure an alternative economic operator to provide this service. This is because, the council has embarked on a wider assessment of its infrastructural IT provision - with respect to Finance, HR and Procurement. Therefore it is key that stability of provision is ensured over the next few years to allow proper consideration of the above mentioned aspects.

No other economic provider would be able to provide this service at this time. The application is currently hosted by an external third party; this arrangement is drawing to a conclusion. It will not be possible for the application and the data to be hosted by a third party in the future due to the availability of support for third party hosting.

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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 December 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

Unit 4 Business Software Limited

Floor 3, 21-22 Warwick Street

London

W1B 5NE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

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: £835,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

London Borough Of Tower Hamlets

London

Country

United Kingdom