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## **R5963 Corporate Finance System**

Tower Hamlets

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

**Internet address(es)**

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

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**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

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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:
  - 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

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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**

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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

London Borough Of Tower Hamlets

London

Country

United Kingdom