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## **Hire of Infrastructure at Events**

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

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

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

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

Newtownabbey Borough Council, Mossley Mill

Antrim

BT41 2UB

#### **Email**

[procurement@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

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

Main address

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/>

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

Regional or local authority

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

General public services

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### **Section II: Object**

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

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

Hire of Infrastructure at Events

Reference number

FI/PRO/TEN/179

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

- 24955000 - Chemical toilets

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

Supplies

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

Continued operation of the contract for the provision of site infrastructure at events.

##### **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: £170,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

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

Supply and delivery of site infrastructure at events

### **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 products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- 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:

Following a competitive process in early 2022, a contract was awarded to Balloo Hire Centres who were the only tenderer. They have been operating as the Council's contractor from award of the contract. Due to the unforeseeable death of the Queen and subsequent coronation of King Charles, the scope and scale of the contract required expansion to accommodate the necessary public events associated with the change and thereby necessitated additional infrastructure to hold such events. This has created an increase in the value of the contract that was unforeseeable at the time of tender. In addition, and as demonstrated in the competitive tender process, Balloo Hire Centres are the only company in Northern Ireland capable of providing the breadth of infrastructure necessary for events. A new procurement process will be initiated in early 2024. This contract will only be in place until a new contract can be established through a competitive procurement process.

#### 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**

### **Title**

Hire of Site Infrastructure for Events

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

14 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**

Balloo Hire Centres

Ballyclare

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £170,000

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice - High Court

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom