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Award

EA Microsoft licensing

Bassetlaw District Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b647

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Bassetlaw District Council

Queen's Buildings

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S802AH

Email

procurement@bassetlaw.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

EA Microsoft licensing

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72260000 - Software-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Renewal of the councils Enterprise Agreement that contains all Microsoft licencing utilised by the Council. This is the core software and digital services relied on by the Council for day to day function.

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: £689,018.53

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Time constraints as new pricing was due for release and companies were not willing to quote on the licencing renewal until Microsoft released the new prices and they are the primary solution the Council uses. The resellers were all dependant on these figures and this coincided with our requirement for renewal. New prices were released end of October and agreement must be in place before the end of November leading to a short time to comply to keep services available. Price check was done on the Framework prior to direct award (with other supplier(s)) and discussed with the head and director of corporate services to ensure pricing presented was satisfactory and utilising direct award to the preferred supplier to enable an efficient renewal process and ensure business continuity. The consequence of failing to renew in time would have a significant impact in terms of cost and service delivery.

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

6 November 2024

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

SoftCat PLC

Buckinghamshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

Companies House

02174990

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: £689,018.53

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL

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United Kingdom