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Contract

EdIS-22-001 Strategic Partner Services and School Management System (SMS) Solution

Education Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-031ec8

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Education Authority

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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

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

EdIS-22-001 Strategic Partner Services and School Management System (SMS) Solution

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority (EA) has a requirement to procure a Strategic Partner, to provide services including a School Management System (SMS) for Nursery, Primary, Post Primary, Special schools and EOTAS centers. The Strategic Partner will be required to deploy, support and manage a modern architecture, technical infrastructure and secure services for schools. These services will improve the learning experience of our young people, supporting teaching through technology, develop skills for the future and support the EA and its educational stakeholders to improve educational outcomes. The education service will deliver high levels of reliability, stability and performance and reduces the burden and risk on the Education Authority and school staff with regard to the security, technical setup, configuration, maintenance and support of any element of the future service. The EA is seeking a fully integrated and interoperable solution which will provide anywhere anytime access to, and associated support for, the EdIS services accessible by school staff, pupils, parents and authorised stakeholders. The School Management System will be a key component of the overall solution to be delivered by the Strategic Partner, providing a centralised master record for school users which will enable the sharing of accurate up-to-date student data for educational purposes and for access to technology services delivered through the EdIS programme. Under this procurement the successful Supplier will be required to support EA's social value objectives. Accordingly, contract performance conditions and award criteria will relate, in particular, to social value. The estimated total value set out in Section II.1.5 represents EA's estimate of the total potential value of the contract over its full duration, including (without limitation): the transition of services from the existing supplier; EA's option (subject to necessary approvals and at its discretion) to extend the term for a period of 2 years; and certain optional additional services which EA may request the successful supplier to provide under the contract (as set out in further detail in the procurement documents).

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: £485,000,000

II.2) Description**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
- 48600000 - Database and operating software package
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72300000 - Data services
- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 72500000 - Computer-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

To allow for a sufficient period for the implementation and operation of services across Nursery, Primary, Post Primary, Special schools and EOTAS centers in Northern Ireland and for the successful supplier to secure an appropriate return on its investment, in addition to the period required to successfully complete the transition of services from the existing supplier to the new supplier, the contract for Strategic Partner Services and School Management System Solution Contract will be for an initial period of ten 10 years commencing on the Transition Completion Date as defined in the Contract but with EA having an option subject to necessary approvals and at its discretion to extend the term for another 2 years.

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

EdIS-22-001 Strategic Partner Services and School Management System (SMS) Solution

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.fujitsu.com/uk/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £485,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £485,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom