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Award

ICT-20-001 Supply and Maintenance of Multi-Functional Devices and Photocopiers for Schools

the Education Authority

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-055bf1

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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Email

ict.procure@eani.org.uk

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

ICT-20-001 Supply and Maintenance of Multi-Functional Devices and Photocopiers for Schools

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 30000000 - Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Supply and Maintenance of Multi-Functional Devices and Photocopiers for Schools across Northern Ireland

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: £20,300,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply and Maintenance of Multi-Functional Devices and Photocopiers for Schools

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

II.2.14) Additional information

This VEAT is to inform the market of the proposal to extend the contract period by 5 months, up to 31st January 2026 and increase the contract award value by 30% (£4,350,000.00) in order to facilitate this.

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:

It would appear that Regulation 72(1)(b) would apply under the circumstances.

The Regulation states:

(b) for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement, where a change of contractor—

(i) cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, services or installations procured under the initial procurement, or

(ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority, provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract;

For this particular modification, (i) EA requires continuity of service from the Contractors until a replacement contract has been procured. EA cannot swap out the technology already installed by the contractors until a new contract is in place.

Plus (ii) the value of the modification is 30% of the original contract value.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Notice number: [2020/S 212-520700](#)

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

9 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

CALVERT OFFICE EQUIPMENT LTD

20 Orby Link

Belfast

BT5 5HU

Email

kevin@calvert.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

<https://www.calvert.co.uk/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

QLC SOLUTIONS LTD

Belfast

Email

mcdonaldjj@qlcsolutions.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

XEROX UK LTD

Uxbridge

Email

uxb.bidteam@xerox.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.xerox.co.uk/en-gb>

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: £20,300,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom