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

the Education Authority

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# Section I: Contracting authority/entity

# I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

40 Academy Street

Belfast

BT1 2NQ

#### **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 gre	oup of economic operators: Yes
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# 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

NUTS code
UKN - Northern Ireland
Internet address
https://www.qlcsolutions.com/
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

United Kingdom

# **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