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# **ICT-20-025 Printer Cartridges**

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-20-025 Printer Cartridges

#### 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 delivery of Printer Catridges to the Education Authority via further competition under CCS

framework RM6059 - Lot 2 Office Supplies

#### 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: £4,000,000

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKN - Northern Ireland

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

Supply and delivery of printer cartridges to various locations across EA including 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 notice is to extend the current contractual arrangement by 2 months (up to 28th February 2025) to allow time to facilitate a new procurement..

#### 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:

This modification is in accordance with Regulation 72 (1) (e):

It meets each of the following conditions:

(e) where the modifications, irrespective of their value, are not substantial within the meaning of paragraph (8);

Paragrah (8) states:

A modification of a contract or a framework agreement during its term shall be considered substantial for the purposes of paragraph (1)

- (e) where one or more of the following conditions is met: —
- (a) the modification renders the contract or the framework agreement materially different in character from the one initially concluded;
- (b) the modification introduces conditions which, had they been part of the initial procurement procedure, would have—
- (i) allowed for the admission of other candidates than those initially selected,
- (ii) allowed for the acceptance of a tender other than that originally accepted, or
- (iii) attracted additional participants in the procurement procedure;
- (c) the modification changes the economic balance of the contract or the framework agreement in favour of the contractor in a manner

which was not provided for in the initial contract or framework agreement;

- (d) the modification extends the scope of the contract or framework agreement considerably;
- (e) a new contractor replaces the one to which the contracting authority had initially awarded the contract in cases other than those

provided for in paragraph (1)(d).

This proposed modification:

(a) Does not render the contract materially different in character. It is the exact same service being provided for an additional 2 months

only.

- (b) Does not introduce conditions that;
- (i) Would have allowed for admission of other candidates than those initially selected.
- (ii) Would have allowed for the acceptance of a tender other than that originally accepted, and
- (iii) Would have attracted additional participants to the procurement procedure.
- (c) Does not change the economic balance of the contract as no additional value is being added to the original contract value. There is

sufficient value remaining on the contract for a 2 month extension;

- (d) Does not extend the scope of the contract considerably. This is for an additional 2 months only; and
- (e) Does not introduce a new or replacement contractor

#### 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

13 December 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

XMA Ltd

7 Handley Page Way

St Albans

Email

#### info@xma.co.uk

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

#### https://www.xma.co.uk/

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: £4,000,000

# **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