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## **Crown Duty Management System - Support and Maintenance**

Cheshire Constabulary on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-040715

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c8fe

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Cheshire Constabulary on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire

Headquarters, Clemonds Hey, Oakmere Road,

Winsford, Cheshire

CW7 2UA

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKD6 - Cheshire

**National registration number**

N/A

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.cheshire.police.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Public order and safety

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Crown Duty Management System - Support and Maintenance

Reference number

CPA/SPU/2479P

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72261000 - Software support services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

VEAT notice - Crown DMS is a core system that forms part of the Business Services function. The system is used to record staff attendance and is critical for the Resource Management department to manage planning and deployment of resources.

The Crown DMS can only be supported and maintained by Crown as it is their system. The support and maintenance contract is for a period of 3 years (01/02/25 to 31/01/28) plus option to extend for 2+2 years (total 7years).

#### **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: £441,311

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72261000 - Software support services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKD6 - Cheshire

Main site or place of performance

Winsford. CW7 2UA

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

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### **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

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## 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:

Crown Computing Ltd is the developer and proprietor of the Licences and Support and therefore competition is absent for technical reasons 32(2)(b)(ii).

Crown is the developer and proprietor of the licences and support and a contract for support and maintenance can only be supplied by them.

The system was originally procured as part of a larger contract, which was subject to an above threshold tender process. Due to changes required in hosting location as part of the move to an on-premise solution, support and maintenance is being sourced directly.

This is a continuation of the support and maintenance of an existing system.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section V. Award of contract/concession

### Contract No

CPA/SPU/2479P

### Title

AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY, LICENCE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF DMS SOFTWARE

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

16 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**

Crown Computing Limited

Amber Close, Tamworth Business Park, Amington,

Tamworth

B77 4RP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

National registration number

02186297

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £441,311

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £441,311

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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Although there are other systems available that provide time recording capabilities, Crown DMS provides us with the capability for our complex operational planning and deployment of resources and builds on the heavy investment already made in the configuration of the Crown DMS so it meets our needs. If we were to move to a new system, it would require significant funding and re-investment to meet these requirements and capabilities, as well as a long period of implementation and dual running of Crown DMS and an alternative DMS.

It is our intention for this VEAT notice to be linked to a 10 day standstill period which will commence on Wednesday 18th December (that being the day after this notice is issued) and the period will end at midnight at the end of Friday 27th December 2024. The PCC intends to sign a new agreement with the supplier with a start date of 1st February 2025 subject to the ending of the standstill period.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom