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Contract

Provision of Reporting Accountant : Housing Benefit (Subsidy) Assurance Process (HBAP)

Cumberland Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-044f81

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKD11 - West Cumbria

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Reporting Accountant : Housing Benefit (Subsidy) Assurance Process (HBAP)

Reference number

DN715329

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Assurance work to be carried out by an appointed Reporting Accountant, in relation to Housing Benefit, as required by

Department for Work and Pensions

The requirement is for Cumberland Council for the years ending 31 March 2024, 31 March 2025 and 31 March 2026 with option to extend up to a maximum of an additional 2 years

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.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD11 - West Cumbria

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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: [2024/S 000-010885](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DN715329

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 November 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Grant Thornton UK LLP

30 Finsbury Square

London

EC2A 1AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD1 - Cumbria

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: £400,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £400,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court Of England

London

Country

United Kingdom