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Contract

EDIS-24-003 - Provision of a Library Management System

the Education Authority

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-043434

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b5bd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

EDIS-24-003 - Provision of a Library Management System

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Education Authority (EA) invites tenders for the Provision of a Library Management System. The initial contract period is for 5 years with the option to extend the contract by further periods of 2 years + 2 years + 1 year. The administering procurement office for this tender, on behalf of EA, will be the Belfast office.

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: £4,400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48160000 - Library software package
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 48100000 - Industry specific software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 2c Detailed Functional Requirements / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 2d Delivery and Support of the Proposed Solution / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: AC4 Cost / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional extension periods of 2 years + 2 years + 1 year.

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 000-036545](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £4,400,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,400,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contract value stated in this notice is the higher value within the range £3,711,331.45 - £4,400,000.00 and includes all available extension periods and a contingency figure to enable onboarding of possible new builds during full available contract period.

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