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Award

Provision of PRINCE2® Examination and Certification Services

Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service

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Scope

Description

The intended contract is for the supply of official Prince2 e-vouchers to be redeemed for items such as Official Training Materials (OTM), exam vouchers and one-year PeopleCert Plus membership subscriptions to allow for mock exams and re-takes to be accessed.

The contract will supply the HSC Leadership Centre, part of Business Services Organisation, as an Authorised Training Organisation (ATO) for Prince2 training for a period of two years and 6 months, up to a contract value of £550,000 excluding VAT.

Contract 1. Provision of PRINCE2® Examination and Certification Services

Supplier

- PeopleCert International Ltd.

Contract value

- £550,000 excluding VAT
- £660,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

14 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years, 6 months

Description of possible extension:

One year extension allowed for in case this Contract supplier is unable to join a UK procurement framework during the initial contracted period.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The option to extend to learner vouchers for other programmes such as ITIL or Managing Successful Programmes may be made from this contract. It will also cover affiliation, trainer and audit fees required to maintain Authorised Training Organisation status with the Contract supplier.

CPV classifications

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

PeopleCert International Ltd are bought out by another body/entity so contract supplier needs to be changed accordingly.

PeopleCert International Ltd rebrand and so contract name needs to be changed accordingly.

Method of supply of examination and certification services changes substantially requiring a review of the contract

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

This direct award to PeopleCert International Ltd is justified under the Procurement Act 2023, Section 41(1)(b), which allows a contracting authority to award a public contract without advertising where:

"the contract can only be supplied by a particular supplier for technical reasons, or because of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights."

a) Exclusive Intellectual Property Rights

PeopleCert International Ltd is the exclusive owner of the intellectual property for PRINCE2®, following its acquisition of Axelos. This includes all courseware, examination content, certification frameworks, and trademark rights. No other provider may legally replicate or certify against PRINCE2® without direct authorisation from PeopleCert International Ltd.

b) Sole Awarding Body

PeopleCert International Ltd is the sole global awarding body authorised to deliver PRINCE2® certifications. While third-party training organisations may be accredited to deliver training, all examinations, marking, and certification are exclusively administered through PeopleCert International Ltd systems and under its control.

c) No Reasonable or Lawful Alternatives

Because of PeopleCert International Ltd's exclusive legal control over PRINCE2®, there are no other providers capable of lawfully delivering both the training and valid certification. Any attempt to procure this service from a non-approved source would result in unaccredited training and invalid certification.

Supplier

PeopleCert International Ltd.

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service

- NHS Organisation Data Service: PWNJ-1991-NGDW
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCQH-8657-NGMT

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland