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Contract

Ayrshire College Finance System

Ayrshire College

F25: Concession award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-053176

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0559d8

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ayrshire College

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www1.ayrshire.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00456

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

Ayrshire College Finance System

Reference number

2025-EX-12

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72261000 - Software support services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency notice (VEAT). Ayrshire College intends to award a contract for it's finance system for 4 years.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £410,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This concession is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £410,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72261000 - Software support services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

Main site or place of performance

Ayrshire College - Kilmarnock

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency notice (VEAT). Ayrshire College intends to award a contract for it's financial software system for 4 years.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Concession is awarded on the basis of the criteria described below:

- Criterion: Technical
- Criterion: Commercial

II.2.7) Duration of the concession

Duration in months

48

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) Form of procedure

Award procedure without prior publication of a concession notice in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The College requires to replace its current finance system. The College established a Finance System Implementation Group with the remit to review the various procurement options open to it, noting that there is a balance to be struck between value for money (overall cost of new system) and the technical capacity of the replacement system. Whilst the various procurement options open to the College do provide a route to market, the Group considered that the indicative costs of the proposed suppliers were cost prohibitive given the current financial challenges facing the organisation. The Group also undertook a market testing exercise considering other potential suppliers and their ability to deliver on similar projects. The Group has concluded that when taking into account both value for money, technical specification and ability to deliver on similar projects that Symmetry Ltd will provide the most economically advantageous outcome for the College. The College therefore proposes to award the contract for the supply of the new finance system to Symmetry.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-037735](#)

Section V. Award of concession

A concession/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of concession

V.2.1) Date of concession award decision

13 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the concessionaire

Symmetry Ltd

7-11 Lodway, The Old Brewery Business Park, Pill

Bristol

BS20 0DH

Telephone

+44 01179006262

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

The concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of concession and main financing terms (excluding VAT)

Total value of the concession/lot: £410,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:808947)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace

Marnock Street

Kilmarnock

KA1 1ED

Country

United Kingdom