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Award

Oracle Database Administrator Services

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

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Edinburgh

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Contact

Central Procurement Team

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00292

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Social protection

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Oracle Database Administrator Services

Reference number

COPFS-2025-197

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72250000 - System and support services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice. The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) will be entering into a contract with Applications DBA Ltd to supply Oracle Database Administrator Services for its business-critical Database Environment to support the COPFS Database Team and lead on migration of the current Database Environment and Infrastructure to a modern, flexible system, capable of supporting COPFS Case Management Systems.

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: £292,500

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72250000 - System and support services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

Main site or place of performance

Glasgow

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice. The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) will be entering into a contract with Applications DBA Ltd to supply Oracle Database Administrator Services for its business-critical Database Environment; for the planning, design and migration of our Oracle database systems to support the remaining transition of COPFS' datacentres to offsite locations; the planning, design and development of our next generation Case Management System; and establishment of enhanced IT and business resiliency systems.

This requires in-depth knowledge of COPFS current environment and infrastructure as well as extensive experience and up to date qualifications and skills in Oracle DBA to be able to provide knowledge transfer, support the transition of new team members and produce detailed systems documentation for COPFS case management systems, activities requiring bespoke and detailed technical understanding of COPFS FOS, PROMIS and other case management systems This is a business-critical service and for technical reasons competition is absent.

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

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:

Under Regulation 33(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, competition is absent for technical reasons.

COPFS has faced ongoing challenges in attracting and retaining experienced staff within its Database Team. This has significantly increased reliance on third-party services, as the internal team is not yet fully resourced and continues to build the necessary expertise to manage and migrate the current database environment and infrastructure, including legacy systems.

To ensure continuity and effective management of the database estate, it is essential that the third-party service is provided by an organisation with in-depth knowledge of the COPFS environment, including systems such as FOS and PROMIS. The supplier must also possess extensive experience and current qualifications in Oracle DBA.

Given the highly specialised nature of the requirement and the supplier's unique familiarity with COPFS systems, no reasonable alternative or substitute exists. Therefore, a direct award is justified under the negotiated procedure without prior publication.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

COPFS-2025-197

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 September 2025

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

Applications DBA Ltd

47 St Andrew's Dr

Bearsden

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Telephone

+44 7707998309

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

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: £292,500

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £292,500

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:809482)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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PO Box 23, 1 Carlton Place

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