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Award

DE - Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) - Confidential Typesetting Services

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Scope

Reference

5940214

Description

The Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment ("the Buyer") requires a Supplier for the provision of Confidential Typesetting Services. The Supplier will be required to typeset confidential materials that will be used in and/or to support examinations and assessments. The content of the work may include, however is not limited too - standard prose typesetting, specialist typesetting (i.e. mathematical, scientific, languages), Irish medium, modified versions, scanning of illustrations (and

potential re-work), drawing and/or redrawing of illustrations, and creation of barcodes (for question papers marked on-line) and other support materials, where required.

Contract 1. ID 5940214 - DE - Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) - Confidential Typesetting Services

Supplier

- ALCHEMY DESIGN & TRAINING LTD

Contract value

- £583,333 excluding VAT
- £700,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

25 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

25 September 2025

Standstill period

- End: 6 October 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

8 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 8 October 2025 to 7 October 2027
- Possible extension to 7 October 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Following the initial contract period, there are two potential extension periods of up to twelve months each. Optional extension periods will be subject to review and satisfactory performance assessment by the Contracting Authority.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79810000 - Printing services
- 79820000 - Services related to printing
- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Information about tenders

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

ALCHEMY DESIGN & TRAINING LTD

- Companies House: NI630804
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCLD-9265-HJQN

4 Kilbourne Park

Bangor

BT19 1ES

United Kingdom

Email: alchemy@btconnect.com

Region: UKN09 - Ards and North Down

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCWP-8538-ZXYY

29 Clarendon Road, Clarendon Dock

Belfast

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United Kingdom

Email: SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Website:

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/contacts/council-curriculum-examinations-assessment-ccea>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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Contact organisation

Contact CPD - Supplies & Services Division for any enquiries.