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Award

ICT-24-033 - Education Authority Pre-School Standardisation Online Portal Development

the Education Authority

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

ICT-24-033 - Education Authority Pre-School Standardisation Online Portal Development

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

An Outsystem Development and Managed Service. This Call-off Contract is a direct award from G-Cloud 14 framework.

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: £1,200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The contract is in place to provide an Outsystem Development and Managed Service. This has been awarded via a direct award call-off from G-Cloud 14 framework.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Total Cost / Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract is awarded for an initial 3 year period with the optional extension period of a further 12 months.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The contract is a direct award Call-off from G-Cloud 14 framework.

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:

The contract was a direct award call off from CCS framework agreement G-Cloud 14 therefore prior publication in the Official Journal of the European Union was not applicable.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 February 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

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,200,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The call off contract was awarded via G-Cloud 14 on 03/02/2025. EA intend to modify the call off by increasing the contract value from £800,000 to £1,200,000. This modification for additional value meets the conditions of Reg 72(1)(b):. This is for additional services that have become necessary and were unforeseen when initially procuring the contract..

Besides the time needed to manage a new procurement, a new supplier would require time to onboard, understand the complex landscape, and build relationships—delaying progress and potentially leading to missteps or rework. Valuable contextual knowledge and insights gained through prior engagement would be lost, disrupting the flow of work and undermining the efficiencies already achieved. In a programme of this scale and complexity, such disruption could significantly impact timelines, stakeholder confidence, and the overall success of the project. . A new procurement for these services would cause delay, incur further costs and resource implications to manage such a procurement, and there would be a delay to the overall project which will be of significant inconvenience to EA.. The value of the proposed modification (i.e. £400k) does not exceed 50% of the original contract value which is £800k..

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions.

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