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Contract

BSP-25-004 Workplace Uniforms and PPE

the Education Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c92a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

the Education Authority

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

BSP-25-004 Workplace Uniforms and PPE

Reference number

BSP-25-004

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 18100000 - Occupational clothing, special workwear and accessories

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The EA invites tenders for the provision of Workplace Uniforms and PPE. This Framework Agreement will run from the 01 June 2025 for a 2 year Initial Period on an as and when required basis, with a possible further extension of a 2 year period. The administering

procurement office for this tender, on behalf of EA, will be the Business Services and Products Procurement Category, based in Ballymena. The EA invites tenders for the provision of Workplace Uniforms and PPE. This Framework has the following 5 Lots: Lot 1 Protective Clothing, Lot 2 School Crossing Patrol, Lot 3 Misc Items, Equip and Gloves, and Specialised Protective Clothing, Lot 4 Catering Accessories and Uniforms and Lot 5 Bite Resistant PPE.

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: £5,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18110000 - Occupational clothing
- 18113000 - Industrial clothing
- 18114000 - Coveralls
- 18130000 - Special workwear
- 18140000 - Workwear accessories
- 18141000 - Work gloves
- 18142000 - Safety visors
- 18143000 - Protective gear
- 18200000 - Outerwear
- 18210000 - Coats
- 18213000 - Wind jackets
- 18220000 - Weatherproof clothing
- 18221000 - Waterproof clothing
- 18221300 - Raincoats
- 18222000 - Corporate clothing

- 18230000 - Miscellaneous outerwear
- 18232000 - Skirts
- 18234000 - Trousers
- 18235000 - Pullovers, cardigans and similar articles
- 18235100 - Pullovers
- 18235300 - Sweatshirts
- 18330000 - T-shirts and shirts
- 18331000 - T-shirts
- 18332000 - Shirts
- 18333000 - Polo shirts
- 18400000 - Special clothing and accessories
- 18410000 - Special clothing
- 18420000 - Clothing accessories
- 18424000 - Gloves
- 18443000 - Headgear and headgear accessories
- 18443300 - Headgear
- 18443340 - Caps
- 18443400 - Chin straps for headgear
- 18443320 - Field caps
- 18443500 - Visors
- 18444000 - Protective headgear
- 18444100 - Safety headgear
- 18444110 - Helmets
- 18444111 - Crash helmets
- 18444200 - Hard hats
- 35113000 - Safety equipment

- 35113300 - Safety installations
- 35113430 - Safety vests
- 35113440 - Reflective vests
- 35113470 - Protective shirts or pants

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1.1, 1.2 1.3 Methodology / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Quality Assurance / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Business Continuity and Contract Management / Weighting: 8

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Social Considerations / Weighting: 6

Cost criterion - Name: AC5 Cost / Weighting: 60

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework is for an initial 2 year period with the option to extend for a further 2 years

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 scope of this Framework Agreement is to fulfil the EA's supply and delivery requirement of Workplace Uniforms and PPE for various directorates and schools throughout the whole of NI from 01 June 2024. This Framework Agreement is divided into 5 Lots which are: Lot 1 - Protective Clothing, Lot 2 - School Crossing Patrol, Lot 3 - Miscellaneous Items, Equipment, Gloves and Specialist Protective Clothing, Lot 4 - Catering Accessories Uniforms, Lot 5 - Bite Resistant PPE. This Framework Agreement is let by the Northern Ireland Education Authority "EA" and is open to the EA, including NI educational bodies as follows: Primary and Post Primary schools under the control of the EA, Catholic Maintained Schools, Independent Schools in NI, Irish Medium Schools in NI, both Controlled and, Voluntary Grammar Schools, Nursery School for NI both controlled and Catholic Maintained, school meals kitchens on-site at all of these schools, and Controlled Youth Centres. Further Education Colleges in NI – The colleges with SLA agreements are: North West Regional College, Northern Regional College, South Eastern Regional College, South West College, Southern Regional College, Grant Controlled Integrated Education Schools in NI, Independent School in NI, Libraries NI, EA Teachers' and Educational Centres, Council for the Curriculum, Examination and Assessment NI CCEA, Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, Middletown Centre for Autism, Controlled Schools Support Council CSSC. Education Authority, Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education NICIE. At some point during the life of the Framework, any current and future EA customers, and educational bodies, may wish to utilise the agreement and should have access, at any point, with the permission of EA. This agreement is not intended to replace any current agreements, either participating or non-participating institutions may already have in place. The estimated value in II.2.7 is maximum estimated value including all Lots and there is no guarantee of spend. Value may move between Lots during the course of the Framework Agreement

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 September 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 12

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 12

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Charles Hughes Ltd.

Westport Business and Technology Park, Westport, Co Mayo, Ireland

Westport

F28FY88

Email

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Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

KELTIC LIMITED

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

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Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

HEALTHY BEAN LTD

501 COCHRANE LODGE, 501 COCHRANE LODGE 5 WEST PARKSIDE, NORTH
GREENWICH

LONDON

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info@healthybean.org

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

RESONATE BRANDING LTD

Lissue Industrial Estate, Moira Road

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £5,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended. The UK does not have any such bodies wit

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures.