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Contract

Agencies

City of Bristol College

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e49e

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

City of Bristol College

St Georges Road

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Email

alastair.jack@cityofbristol.ac.uk

Telephone

+44 1173125182

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/>

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

Agencies

Reference number

CA15365 - HR2501A

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of agencies to provide staff as required for covering vacancies, sickness or as 'temp to perm' staff as further described in the Scope and Requirements.

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: £2,200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

There are generally two types of agency required by the College. The first is for vacancy cover when either we are unable to recruit to the post or when awaiting a new starter to begin when the previous post holder has left. The second is sickness cover where classes are unable to be merged and would be cancelled without the cover.

There is then the occasional need and option for a 'temp to perm' option with recruited staff and we will be looking to agree a sliding scale of rates with successful agencies.

Finally, we have a lot of part time roles and need to understand the pricing structure if we offer a part time post on varying FTE's, so advice and knowledge from an agency is needed.

We intend to operate a 'framework' of suppliers, with a single 'Tier 1' agency having the first refusal at filling posts, and up to 3 agencies at 'Tier 2' who would be offered roles which the Tier 1 agency cannot fill. This framework structure would be managed by the College HR team.

There could be

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 55.00%

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 45.00%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

48 month(s) from the commencement date, with 24 initial month(s) and option to extend 2x12 month(s)

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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

CA15365

Title

Agencies

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 11

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

DOVETAIL AND SLATE LIMITED

Office 22 , South Equinox

BRISTOL

BS32 4QL

Email

bids@dovetailslate.co.uk

Telephone

+44 1174229420

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

www.dovetailslate.co.uk

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Henry Blue

80 Mosley Street,

Manchester

M2 3FX

Email

alex@henry-blue.com

Telephone

+44 7940927048

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

www.henry-blue.com

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,200,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

City of Bristol College

College Green Centre, St George's Road

Bristol

BS1 5UA

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Write to the COO at the City of Bristol College.