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Award

ID 5830970 DE - Stranmillis College - Provision, Implementation, Support and Maintenance of a New Finance System

Stranmillis University College

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Scope

Reference

5830970

Description

The Department for the Economy through its executive agency Stranmillis University College (The Buyer) wishes to establish a contract with a Supplier to provide a commercial, off-the shelf solution for the provision, support and maintenance of a finance system, which must be fully operational by 1 March 2026. The Contract will commence immediately following Award with an implementation phase, which must be completed by 28 February 2026.

The initial 5-year period will commence on the Go-Live date of 1 March 2026, and include options to extend for 2 further up to one-year periods (i.e. a maximum of 7.5 years,

dependent on the Contract Award date and Implementation Phase).

Suppliers should refer to the Specification Schedule for full detail on the deliverables of this contract. This procurement is for the award of a public contract through a competitive flexible procedure in accordance with section 20(1) and (2)(b) of the PA 2023.

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Supplier

- SHERWOOD SYSTEMS LIMITED

Contract value

- £582,291.30 excluding VAT
- £698,749.56 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

2 October 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

3 October 2025

Standstill period

- End: 14 October 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

15 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 October 2025 to 28 February 2031
- Possible extension to 28 February 2033
- 7 years, 4 months, 17 days

Description of possible extension:

Following the initial contract period, there are 2 potential extension periods of up to 12 months each. Optional extension periods will be subject to review and satisfactory performance assessment by the Contracting Authority.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

This Contract provides the right to additional purchases while the contract is valid, as outlined in the Potential Future Requirements section of the Specification Document.

These will be dependent on the Buyer's decision to proceed with them, based on business need and budget allocation.

- Customer Self-Service Portal
- Employee Expenses Module
- Government Procurement Card (GPC) transaction logging (Currently approx. 8 GPC cardholders)
- Payroll and/or HR module (for approx. 200 staff) with potential for a Work Attendance system (clock-in/clock-out) functionality.

Where a future requirement is deemed necessary, the Buyer will advise the supplier and request a detailed proposal, methodology and pricing for consideration.

The Buyer reserves the right to benchmark pricing or procure the requirement via alternative procurement routes.

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Information about tenders

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

SHERWOOD SYSTEMS LIMITED

- Companies House: NI022536
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGDJ-5336-JRTW

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

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

Stranmillis University College

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLVV-6416-NPRL

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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.