

United Kingdom-Belfast: Postal services
OJ S 35/2023 17/02/2023
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Department of Finance
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Postal code: BT3 9ED
Country: United Kingdom
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I.1. Name and addresses

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I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Department for Infrastructure
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NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland
Postal code: BT2 8GB
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I.1. Name and addresses

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I.1. Name and addresses

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Town: Belfast

NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland

Postal code: BT4 3SB

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Internet address(es):

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I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Department of Education NI

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Town: Bangor

NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland

Postal code: BT19 7PR

Country: United Kingdom

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Internet address(es):

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I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Department of Health NI

Postal address: Castle Buildings

Town: Belfast

NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland

Postal code: BT4 3SQ

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Internet address(es):

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I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Department of Justice NI

Postal address: Block B, Castle Buildings

Town: Belfast

NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland

Postal code: BT4 3SG

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Internet address(es):

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I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: The Executive Office

Postal address: Stormont Castle

Town: Belfast

NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland
Postal code: BT4 3TT
Country: United Kingdom
E-mail: ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk
Internet address(es):
Main address: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland
Postal address: Linum Chambers, 2 Bedford Square
Town: Belfast
NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland
Postal code: BT2 7ES
Country: United Kingdom
E-mail: ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk
Internet address(es):
Main address: <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Education Authority NI
Postal address: 40 Academy Street
Town: Belfast
NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland
Postal code: BT1 2NQ
Country: United Kingdom
E-mail: ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk
Internet address(es):
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I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Postal address: 2 Adelaide Street
Town: Belfast
NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland
Postal code: BT2 8BP
Country: United Kingdom
E-mail: ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk
Internet address(es):
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I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: NI Water and its subsidiaries
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Town: Belfast
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Postal code: BT14 6TE
Country: United Kingdom
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Internet address(es):
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I.1.

Name and addresses

Official name: Translink

Postal address: Procurement Department

Town: Belfast

NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland

Postal code: BT2 7LX

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Internet address(es):

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I.2. Information about joint procurement

The contract involves 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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

ID 2933249 — The Provision of Postal Services for the Northern Ireland Public Sector 2021

II.1.2. Main CPV code

64110000 Postal services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD) plans to establish a contract for postal services on behalf of the participating bodies listed in the Specification Annex 4 (hereafter referred to as the Client). CPD is seeking to establish a contract for the provision of postal services at locations throughout Northern Ireland. Further details of specific requirements are provided within the Tender Documents and Annexes. The supplier will be responsible for managing and delivering the specified services at the different premises in a flexible and responsive way.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 30 000 000,00 EUR

II.2. Description**II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

64112000 Postal services related to letters, 64113000 Postal services related to parcels

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

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II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: As per the tender documents / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: As per the tender documents / Weighting: 40

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

Option to extend for additional 24 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 values stated are an estimate. Option to extend for additional 24 months.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

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

Notice number in the OJ S: [2020/S 248-619181](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 1

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

09/03/2021

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Whistl UK Ltd

Postal address: Meridian House, Fieldhouse Lane

Town: Marlow

NUTS code: UKN Northern Ireland

Postal code: SL7 1TB

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: tenders@whistl.co.uk

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 30 000 000,00 GBP

Total value of the contract/lot: 30 000 000,00 GBP

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.3. Additional information

The contractor's performance on this contract will be managed as per specification and regularly monitored see Procurement Guidance. Note 01/12 contract. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in Construction Procurement Delivery (CPD) for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a notice of unsatisfactory performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a notice of unsatisfactory performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of procurement expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of 12 months from the date of issue of the certificate. The authority expressly reserved the rights:

(i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice;

(ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates;

(iii) to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the (services) covered by this notice; and

(iv) to award contract(s) in stages and in no circumstances will the authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates. This procurement established a contract agreement to provide postal services to public sector organisations in Northern Ireland.

A Contract award notice was published for this competition on 23/3/21 reference number [2021/S 057-145373](#). The Total Value published on the Contract Award Notice was incorrect. The Contract Award Notice stated a value of £7,967,561.01. This was the evaluation value. The whole life cost of the contract including all options is £30,000,000.00 as stated on Contract Notice 2020-OJS248-619181-en. The purpose of this Contract award notice is to correct this value.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: This is not applicable to the UK

Town: This is not applicable to the UK

Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and applied a standstill period (minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. The notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

14/02/2023