

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Approval to award a contract for Centera Replacement Hardware for Herefordshire Council												
Date of decision:	12 th November 2020												
Decision maker:	Assistant Director, Corporate Support												
Authority for delegated decision:	Herefordshire Council’s Constitution Scheme of Delegation, Part 3: Section 7 – Officer Functions: 3.7.5 Operational decisions. Chief Executive Scheme of Delegation to Officers Updated 29 September 2020 SA75 ICT Commissioning and Strategy to Assistant Director Corporate Support												
Ward:	Countywide												
Consultation:	N/A												
Decision made:	To award a contract to Specialist Computer Centres (SCC) to supply Centera Replacement Hardware for Herefordshire Council plus support and maintenance for a period of 5 (five) years for a total contract cost of £151,200.												
Reasons for decision:	<p>Currently the Herefordshire Council are using EMC Centera storage for data archive and long-term storage. The current setup is resilient with a unit in both of the council data centres connected via dark fibre providing Ethernet and Fibre channel links between. The applications are currently writing to the Centera using CAS and RBS connections.</p> <p>The current EMC Centera storage at Herefordshire Council needs to be replaced due to the system reaching the end of main line for hardware and software support.</p> <p>A competitive procurement process was undertaken through the CCS framework, RM6068 Lot 2. Three bids were received by the tender close date. The bids were evaluated in accordance with the rules as stipulated within the tender document. This evaluation consisted of 10% for the mandatory pass/fail section and 90% price.</p> <p>A summary of the weighted evaluated scores along with the ranking is as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Rank</th><th>Name</th><th>Weighted Score</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>SCC</td><td>100%</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Supplier A</td><td>99.25%</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Supplier B</td><td>95.46%</td></tr></table> <p>SCC provided the most economically advantageous tender and are therefore recommended for award.</p>	Rank	Name	Weighted Score	1	SCC	100%	2	Supplier A	99.25%	3	Supplier B	95.46%
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Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/	The current system is end of main line hardware support so getting harder to get spares/replacements if required and increased downtime. This puts the main council systems at risk. Also the system is end of software												

equality considerations:	support so a security risk with no security updates. The product chosen will also support Cloud storage formats thus enabling us to slowly move to a cloud storage data format should we wish to store data in the cloud at a later date.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Because of the data stored and the format the only option is to move to the same product family, without having to pull all the data out of this system and then write it in a new format to the new system. This would mean more cost and delay.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: 12.11.2020