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Contract

## **External Audit Services 2024**

University of Chester

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-000073

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047d18

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

University of Chester

Parkgate Road

Chester

CH1 4BJ

#### **Contact**

Procurement Services

#### **Email**

[procurement@chester.ac.uk](mailto:procurement@chester.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.chester.ac.uk](http://www.chester.ac.uk)

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofchester>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

External Audit Services 2024

Reference number

2024-Oct-01

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79212000 - Auditing services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This Award Notice follows the University seeking tenders through the UK Open Procedure under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 to appoint an external audit service provider for a period of 5 years with an option to extend for up to two further periods of 12 months each, subject to satisfactory performance and the University's needs. The primary role of external auditors will be to report on the financial statements of the University of Chester and its subsidiary companies, and to carry out whatever examination of the statements and underlying records and control systems is necessary to reach an opinion on the statements. The successful supplier will be required to report to the University Council by means of a management letter. Please note that all values in this notice have been rounded up.

#### **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: £900,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79212000 - Auditing services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Evaluation / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Pricing Evaluation / Weighting: 40

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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: [2024/S 000-031728](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

2024-Oct-01

### **Title**

Award Contract for the Provision of External Audit Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

13 December 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 9

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: 9

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Grant Thornton UK LLP

No.1 Whitehall Riverside, Whitehall Road

Leeds

LS1 4BN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

OC307742

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £800,000

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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