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Contract

External Audit Services 2024

University of Chester

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-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

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

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

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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

Total value of the contract/lot: £900,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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