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Planning

Grant Audit Services

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-030772

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Grant Audit Services

Reference number

2021UoS-0394

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Southampton requires the external audit and certification of financial claim submissions to its research grant funders. The average number of these audits required per annum is approximately 40-50 in total for all funders but will vary between financial years. It is not expected for the number of audits to exceed 60 in a year.

The University is looking to engage with the market to discuss a variety of topics relating to grant audit services via a 1-hour Teams meeting during the week commencing 24th January 2022 with those that register their interest.

Depending on the level of interest, the University may not be able to speak to all that register.

To access the relevant documentation, register your interest and select your preferred timeslot, you will need to register on the University's electronic procurement portal In-Tend to manage this soft market engagement exercise which can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofsouthampton>

This is NOT a call for competition.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The University requires a supplier that has experience in auditing financial claims to research grant funders and understands the varying terms and conditions that each funder sets.

The University expects the supplier to keep the University up to date with any regulatory or funder updates that impact the University.

The University requires the supplier to attend regular contract meetings to collaboratively review performance, exchange news, and suggest areas of innovation/continuous improvement.

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 March 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes