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Planning

## **Digital Partnership Programme – Request for Information / Expression of Interest - Prior Indicative Notice (PIN)**

Harper Adams University

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-000802

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04cef2

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

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

Harper Adams University

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TF10 8NB

#### **Email**

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKG2 - Shropshire and Staffordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.harper-adams.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.harper-adams.ac.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://suppliers.multiquote.com>

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

Harper Adams University

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**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**

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Reference number

CA15133 - VC1124

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

We are seeking Expressions of Interest in partnering with Harper Adams University to provide a Digital Learning facility and student recruitment, this is a strategic partnership opportunity, note this Request For Information (RFI) may be used as a call for competition Prior Information Notice (PIN) under the new Procurement Regulations – PA2023

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 80300000 - Higher education services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG2 - Shropshire and Staffordshire

Main site or place of performance

Shropshire and Staffordshire

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

The University is seeking to partner with a digital educational provider, for the following reasons to: to increase our national and global reach, increase the number of overseas students studying Harper Adams university awards, and to develop flexible study pathways. To be eligible to partner and provide these services you must have an existing online digital education platform currently operating-delivering, strong proven experience in the sector, and the ability to generate demand and student uptake via national and international marketing/promotion in the sector. The partnership should be in place ready for initial course delivery to take place from 2025 (ideally September '25).

Within the next five years we are intending to make a strategic step change in terms of diversifying and growing substantially our revenue base and student numbers through the development of on-line educational courses and services.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

180

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

180 month(s) from the commencement date, with 120 initial month(s) and option to extend 5x12 month(s)

#### **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.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

24 February 2025

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Further detail can be found within procurement documentation, RFI questionnaire and via subsequent documentation.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Must have an existing online digital education platform currently operating in the sector, a strong proven experience of supporting higher education providers and the ability to generate demand and student uptake of courses of higher levels.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Providers' platform must be operating and offering education in the UK and at least one other geographical domain in the Higher Education (HE) sector. Track record of generating demand for online HE courses and a proven track-record of national and international marketing/promotion in the sector.

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Proven track record is required, references and website links should be supplied as requested.

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Further information can be found via the Multiquote e-tendering portal. Registration is free and all documentation is supplied FOC (free of charge) and submissions and expressions of interest must be received here only.

It should be noted that further CPV codes apply to this covering Business and Marketing consultancy (7940000) and Industry Specific software (4810000); unfortunately the Multiquote/Elcom portal will not allow these non-light touch codes to be included as well as the Education codes, as primarily this is a light touch PIN.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Harper adams university

Harper Adams University Main Building

Newport

TF10 8NB

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Please contact Harper Adams University Legal department with any queries or concerns, or for further information on this, mediation or review processes.

