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Contract

Check Point Harmony Email & Collaboration

University of Ulster

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042c4c

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

National registration number

NIC100166

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ulster.ac.uk

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

Check Point Harmony Email & Collaboration

Reference number

CCS EXP/1774

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212730 - Security software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provides organizations with complete full-suite protection providing security admins with an easy-to-deploy and manage platform, block sophisticated social engineering attacks

such as impersonation, zero-day phishing and Business Email Compromise. Using AI-trained engines. Securing inbound, outbound, and internal emails from phishing attacks inspects the communication's metadata, attachments, links and language

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: £270,900

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48730000 - Security software package
- 48732000 - Data security software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

All Ulster University Campuses

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Ulster University wishes to procure an additional layer of email security, to help further enhance its security posture and protect the organisation from an increasing amount of phishing attacks, including a noted increase in attacks using QR codes in, the last 12-18 months. This is in line with the noted increase in other sectors, as well as Higher Education. This additional protection would cover approximately 7,000 staff email accounts.

8 Suppliers were shortlisted via Crown Commercial Services G-Cloud 13 (RM1557.13)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

It is anticipated the contract will be for One (1) year initially, with an option to extend for any periods up to and including twelve (12) months.

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.2.14) Additional information

The estimated total value stated above in Section II.1.7 includes the initial 1 year contract period and the option to extend the contract for any periods up to and including 12 months.

This contract has been awarded following a mini competition via the Crown Commercial Services G-Cloud 13 Framework (RM 1557.13).

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This contract has been awarded following a mini competition via the Crown Commercial Services G-Cloud 13 Framework (RM 1557.13). 8 Suppliers were shortlisted with 6 responses.

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CCS EXP1774

Title

Check Point Harmony Email & Collaboration

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 January 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 8

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Integrity 360

Termini, 3 Arkle Rd, Sandyford Business Park, Sandyford

Dublin

D18 T6T7

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE061 - Dublin

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £270,900

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The estimated total value stated above in Section V 2.4 includes the initial 1 year contract period and the option to extend the contract for any periods up to and including 12 months.

The University cannot give any guarantee as to the future value or volume of business awarded through this contract. The University reserves the right to modify this contract, under Regulation 72(1)(a) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, in events of higher or lower spend necessitated by unexpected occurrences.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead, any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

UK

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead, any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (Northern Ireland).

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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