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Contract

Ongoing use of Unit4 Enterprise Resource Planning Solution including the support and maintenance of this existing ERP System, and migration to cloud-based platform

Queen's University Belfast

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Scope

Reference

250062

Description

Ongoing utilisation of the Unit4 Enterprise Resource Planning Solution, migrating to cloud-based platform providing functionality for budget management, expenses, purchase to pay, sales to cash, inventory management, general ledger reporting and commitment accounting including the support and maintenance of this existing ERP System.

Contract 1. Ongoing use of Unit4 Enterprise Resource Planning Solution including the support and maintenance of this existing ERP System, and migration to cloud-based platform

Supplier

- UNIT4 BUSINESS SOFTWARE LIMITED

Contract value

- £1,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

23 December 2025

Contract dates

- 19 March 2026 to 18 March 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Goods

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Options may be taken up over the life of the contract for upgrades, new functionality, additional or new modules to address business need and or operational efficiency

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Justification for not setting key performance indicators

The obligation to publish KPIs under Section 52 of the Act is not applicable to this contract

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

The current on premise Unit4 solution is a business-critical application used by the University and its subsidiaries for the management of finances. It enables budget management, expenses, purchase to pay, sales to cash, inventory management, general ledger reporting and commitment accounting.

Unit4 Business Software Limited is the current ERP supplier and this contract will facilitate the continued use of Unit4 ERP solution including support and maintenance, as well as supporting migration of the system to cloud.

A change in supplier would result in incompatibilities and disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance. The University considers that the award of this contract is justified under Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 using para. 7 'Additional or repeat goods, services or works' as set out below and in force on 11 December 2025.

Additional or Repeat Goods/Services

The public contract concerns the supply of goods, services or works by the existing supplier which are intended as an extension to, or partial replacement of, existing goods, services or works in circumstances where -

- (a) a change in supplier would result in the contracting authority receiving goods, services or works that are different from, or incompatible with, the existing goods, services or works, and
- (b) the difference or incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation or maintenance.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Queen's University Belfast

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMQQ-8477-XTZM

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland