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Contract

Evaluation of the Open University HE in FE (validation) project

Office for Students

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-001769

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04a7c0

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Evaluation of the Open University HE in FE (validation) project

Reference number

PRN2255

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The evaluation aims to help the OfS and government stakeholders make evidence-informed decisions for future interventions in this policy space and to understand the impact and effectiveness of the OU HE in FE (validation) project.

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: £148,878.75

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Main site or place of performance

Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The evaluation aims to help the OfS and government stakeholders make evidence-informed decisions for future interventions in this policy space and to understand the impact and effectiveness of the OU HE in FE (validation) project.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

II.2.14) Additional information

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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

Notice number: [2024/S 000-032678](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 January 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ecorys UK

Albert House, Quay Place, 92-93 Edward Street

Birmingham

B1 2RA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

National registration number

01650169

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £148,878.75

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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

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