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Contract

## **Award Notice - Financial Management System Migration to Cloud Solution**

LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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LIVERPOOL

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#### **Contact**

Steven Parker

#### **Email**

[procurement@hope.ac.uk](mailto:procurement@hope.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKD72 - Liverpool

**Companies House**

03285547

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.hope.ac.uk/>

**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**

Award Notice - Financial Management System Migration to Cloud Solution

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72260000 - Software-related services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

This is an awarded contract notice.

**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: £324,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 72260000 - Software-related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD72 - Liverpool

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

Awarded contract notice for Financial Management System Migration to Cloud Solution.

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

Price

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

Options: No

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## **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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The University has been a user of Unit 4's on-premise Enterprise Resource Planning

(ERP) services for over 10 years. Unit 4 are moving their solution to the Cloud. This is a material change to the current license arrangements with no possibility of extension.

Unit 4's systems are:

- Performing over 30 functions across the entire University.
- Integrated with 10 other systems - each having an implementation phase to ensure integration.

As Unit 4's systems are absolutely critical to the functioning of the University, the University is of the view that the Contract cannot be awarded to another economic operator and that therefore, the University's award of this Contract to Unit4 is duly justified in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons.

This is because of:

- The near technical impossibility of disintegration with allied systems;
- The wholly disproportionate cost of tender preparation and delivery, re-integration of systems and retraining of University operators;
- The timelines for migration and discontinued support for the ERP system

The proposed Contract term is 3 years with no further extension options.

#### **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 000-040305](#)

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## **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**

27 December 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Unit4 Business Software Limited

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

Companies House

01737985

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £324,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

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