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Planning

Net Zero Plan 2035 Consultancy

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX(THE)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Higher Education

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Net Zero Plan 2035 Consultancy

Reference number

US_24078

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Sussex is building significant internal capability to address the challenges of decarbonisation, but this will need to be supplemented by specific technical and organisational advice in targeted areas, including the built environment, decarbonisation modelling and energy systems design. The University intends to procure this expertise through appointing a consultant(s).

The purpose of this procurement exercise is to select and appoint one or more Consultants to assist with the creation of a new Net Zero Pathway (NZP) Report to assist with the University's commitment to reach Net Zero by 2035. Production of the Net Zero Pathway Report will be led by the University with consultancy input to contribute technical knowledge to specific areas.

The University has previously commissioned an NZP which did not provide a clear and detailed blueprint or road map that could be translated into a credible delivery plan. This new report therefore needs to set out how the University will reduce its carbon emissions with clearly defined elements to ensure it operates sustainably, ethically and responsibly.

Interested parties should declare an expression of interest by email directly to Michael Prior m.prior@sussex.ac.uk and a capability assessment will be sent to parties who opt in.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

Main site or place of performance

University of Sussex

Falmer

Brighton

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II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The University's commitment is to reach Net Zero by 2035, using the Science Based Target Initiatives methodology. This means that carbon emissions must be reduced by more than 90% across Scopes 1, 2 and 3. The aim of this tender exercise is to procure expert advice and consultancy services that will contribute to a new Net Zero Strategic Pathway Report, which in turn will form a key pillar of all future decarbonisation activity at the University.

The overall outputs of the consultancy period and strategy creation process, is to provide a thorough, actionable and unambiguous pathway to Net Zero. It is intended that the need for further surveys and planning will be minimised.

The key deliverables are professional advice and recommendations to support the Sustainability Team's objective to create a Net Zero Strategic Pathway Report, and the subsequent action plan for the University's Sustainability Programme.

This tender will be for advisory services, as well as system modelling and design. Individual outputs are divided into four packages of work.

The University welcomes responses from consultants who have experience and expertise in one or more of the following packages of works. Please outline this knowledge and experience in Part C of this Capability Assessment. The four packages of work are as follows:

A - Built Environment Expertise

- High-level design of campus heating systems, including the district heating network
- Advice on optimised building heating schedules
- High-level campus electricity system design, with a focus on future demand levels
- CapEx and maintenance design guides / environmental performance standards for future building long-term maintenance.
- Guidance on best practice for energy management in Higher Education

B - Holistic Pathway Modelling

- Business As Usual (no decarbonisation) forecast for carbon emissions and building/infrastructure maintenance costs.
- Scope 1 and 2 decarbonisation costs and emissions reduction forecasting, short- and long-term
- Creation of a dynamic emissions model to be owned by the University

C - Funding and Procurement Advice

- Scope 3 Purchasing and Supply Chain Emissions Reduction Strategy
- Advice on Government grants and funding schemes
- Advice on long term partnerships and collaboration

D - Renewable Energy Study

- Feasibility study for new renewable electricity generation on campus

This is an indicative list and may be subject to change at the tender stage.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 May 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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