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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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#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.sussex.ac.uk](http://www.sussex.ac.uk)

**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

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**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](mailto: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

BN1 9RH

#### **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

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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