

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/002774-2023>

Tender

## **23-CO-048 - IS - New ESB**

University of Portsmouth

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-002774

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03a10e

Published 30 January 2023, 12:29pm

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

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

University of Portsmouth

Winston Churchill avenue

Portsmouth

PO1 2UP

#### **Email**

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

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKJ31 - Portsmouth

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/port/asp/Tenders/Current>

### **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/port/asp/Tenders/Current>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/port/asp/Tenders/Current>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

### **I.5) Main activity**

Education

---

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

23-CO-048 - IS - New ESB

Reference number

23-CO-048 - IS - New ESB

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

### II.1.4) Short description

**Overview**The University of Portsmouth is seeking to engage the market with regards the refinement of its requirements to procure an Enterprise Service Bus (ESB). We are seeking assistance to help shape and enhance our current requirements before tendering the solution to the market in the next stage of the procurement process. An Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) is traditionally used to orchestrate all integrations and consists of a few tools that consolidate bespoke developments into a single solution that is both flexible and easy to monitor. These tools considerably reduce the work required to maintain communications between different applications. At the time the University purchased the current ESB, most systems were hosted on site and very few of them communicated in a 'standard' way, instead of using bespoke integrations between systems. The ESB purchased was intended to handle all these requirements with the flexibility to adapt to future requirements. The University's approach

### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

## II.2) Description

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ31 - Portsmouth

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

**Overview**The University of Portsmouth is seeking to engage the market with regards the refinement of its requirements to procure an Enterprise Service Bus (ESB). We are seeking assistance to help shape and enhance our current requirements before tendering the solution to the market in the next stage of the procurement process. An Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) is traditionally used to orchestrate all integrations and consists of a few tools that consolidate bespoke developments into a single solution that is both flexible and easy to monitor. These tools considerably reduce the work required to maintain communications between different applications. At the time the University purchased the current ESB, most systems were hosted on site and very few of them communicated in a 'standard' way, instead of using bespoke integrations between systems. The ESB

purchased was intended to handle all these requirements with the flexibility to adapt to future requirements. The University's approach to integrations has since changed; many on-site systems have been replaced with cloud hosted alternatives, and are becoming more standardised in the way they communicate, with a drive towards a publish and subscribe methodology. The way the University pays for these systems is also changing - rather than buying licences, new solutions are typically based on pay per usage. In the past we did not have to consider the amount of data we moved between systems; with cloud based systems we have to be careful because there is often a charge associated with moving data.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **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

---

## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

An SQ (Supplier questionnaire) will be used as a suitability assessment. Suppliers must meet all mandatory requirements listed in the specification

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

---

## **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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

16 February 2023

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

16 February 2023

Local time

5:00pm

---

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

University of Portsmouth

Winston Churchill Avenue Portsmouth Hampshire PO1 2UP

Portsmouth

PO1 2UP

Email

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

Country

United Kingdom