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## **Research Audit Services**

THE UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKN0C - Causeway Coast and Glens

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml](http://www.e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml](http://www.e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml)

**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**

Research Audit Services

Reference number

project\_27853

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services

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

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Ulster University ("the University") wishes to appoint research auditors to carry out an audit review where required of externally funded research grants in line with the scope outlined in the relevant funder's terms and conditions.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £215,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

University campuses at Belfast, Coleraine, Derry~Londonderry and Jordanstown

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

Ulster University ("the University") wishes to appoint research auditors to carry out an audit review where required of externally funded research grants in line with the scope outlined in the relevant funder's terms and conditions.

#### **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

28

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

It is anticipated the contract will be for 28 months initially, with an option to extend for any periods up to and including 36 months.

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## **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

As stated in the procurement documents

#### **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

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

Date

26 February 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

26 February 2024

Local time

4:00pm

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## **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**

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead, any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

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United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended

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#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The University will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (Northern Ireland).

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

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