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Award

Mobile Phones - Ethically Sourced

LONDON UNIVERSITIES PURCHASING CONSORTIUM

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Mobile Phones - Ethically Sourced

Reference number

TEL5082 LU

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32250000 - Mobile telephones

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

LUPC intends to enter a contract for the procurement of mobile phones that have been produced with the aim of minimising their social and environmental impact in conditions that protect the employment rights of workers throughout the supply chain including wages above the in-country minimum wage line and a device design that is both end-user repairable and with extended software support to maximize the phone's useful life. Purchase is permitted by our members and the other consortia listed at Annex A, plus staff and students and includes hardware and SIM card airtime both individually and as package to that group. Our assessment is that this is a unique offering at the time satisfied by device OEM Fairphone. The contract will be reviewed every year of the 4-year agreement, prior to renewal, to allow LUPC to react to any new entrant coming to market with an equivalent product. The designated economic operator holds exclusive rights to sell to business customers in the UK on the above basis.

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: £50,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK and international Higher Education campuses

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

LUPC is a not-for-profit professional buying organisation owned by our members, for our members. Established in 1968, our sole aim is to secure best possible value for our members in the procurement of goods and services, without causing harm to others. LUPC's membership is made up of universities and colleges of higher and further education, as well as other not-for-profit organisations in the education, arts, science, charity, and wider public sectors.

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Purchase is permitted by our members and the other consortia listed at Annex A, plus staff and students and includes hardware and SIM card airtime both individually and as package to that group. Our assessment is that this is a unique offering at the time satisfied by device OEM Fairphone delivered by Your Coop Business Solutions. The designated economic operator holds exclusive rights to sell to business customers in the UK on the above basis.

This requirement automatically covers Full or Associate Members within the higher education regional purchasing consortia as follows:

London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC) <http://www.lupc.ac.uk/list-of-members.html>; Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC) <http://www.supc.ac.uk/engage/our-members/our-members>; North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium (NEUPC) <http://www.neupc.ac.uk/our-members>; North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium (NWUPC) <http://www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members>; Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC) <http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/members> and Higher Education Purchasing Consortium Wales (HEPCW) <http://www.hepcw.ac.uk/members/>

Members of the consortia either already are or may be drawn from the Higher Education sector, Further Education sector, the Research Council and other Public and Third Sector bodies principally but not exclusively from the education, arts, sciences and cultural sectors.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The agreement is initially for a period of 36 months with one further 12 month option available.

II.2.14) Additional information

The contract will be reviewed every year of the 4-year agreement, prior to renewal, to allow LUPC to react to any new entrant coming to market with an equivalent product.

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Further to the main description, London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC) and its fellow UK HE Consortia have robust responsible procurement strategies that wherever possible, seek to provide Goods and Services that meet and exceed our ethical procurement goals. The Fairphone mobile range has been identified as uniquely offering an ethical procurement supply chain of the highest standard including for example, conflict free minerals and Fairtrade certified gold. Every attempt is made to protect the employment rights of workers throughout the supply chain and uses a product design that is both upgradable and repairable thereby extending the phone's useful life. The phone is sold through a business reseller that based on the scope of the agreement, holds exclusive rights to sell to business customers in the UK.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

TEL5082 LU

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 February 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £50,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

London Universities Purchasing Consortium

London

Country

United Kingdom