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Tender

Online and Distance Learning Platform

Heriot-Watt University

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0439ed

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

12 March 2024, 10:30am

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://hw.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00307

I.3) Communication

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

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

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

Online and Distance Learning Platform

Reference number

HWU-UK-2324-XXXX-XX

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

We require the services of a supplier to provide a single platform to host HWU course content and provide a route to market for a undergraduate and graduate level degree programmes and micro-credentials.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £100,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

Edinburgh

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Heriot-Watt University has been offering online and distance learning degree programmes at scale for more than 30 years. Our model enables students to learn anytime, anywhere with a focus on flexibility, career alignment and accessibility.

We require the services of a supplier to provide a single platform to host HWU course content and provide a route to market for a undergraduate and graduate level degree programmes and micro-credentials.

The platform will be expected to provide a route to market for HWU degrees in the form of a large, global audience of registered learners. It will need to be suitable for delivering programmes within the field of Mathematics and Computer Science and at significant scale. The provision of industry content is an important component of Heriot-Watt Online degrees, and the supplier will be required to offer a pre-existing range of credit-assessed, industry developed micro-credentials which can be incorporated into our programmes.

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

72

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

rolling annual

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 3

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

In line with scope of services in original contract notice

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.1.2) 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

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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

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IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

14 March 2024

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)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=758184.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom