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## 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**

See the [change notice](#).

## Section I: Contracting authority

### I.1) Name and addresses

Heriot-Watt University

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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](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](http://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](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

**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**

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

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### **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

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## **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**

Originally published as:

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14 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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Date

12 March 2024

Local time

10:30am

See the [change notice](#).

**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)

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**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](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=758184).

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electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

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Country

United Kingdom