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## **VEAT Notice: Graduation Event Venue Hire**

University of Plymouth

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04df10

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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**Region code**

UKK41 - Plymouth

**National registration number**

1128013

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/about-us/university-structure/service-areas/procurement>

**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**

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Reference number

HG/UOP/2025\_Graduations/075/25

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

- 79952000 - Event services

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

Services

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

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#### **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: £360,000

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

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

- 79952000 - Event services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK41 - Plymouth

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

This Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice covers the period of 19th October to 24th October 2025 (the 'Ceremony Dates').

The University of Plymouth intends to enter into a rental agreement with the Theatre Royal Plymouth (TRP) for the provision of student graduation ceremonies.

A Contract by direct award will be concluded under regulation 32.2.b (ii) of the PCR (2015), whereby competition is absent for technical reasons.

The technical reasons are that Theatre Royal Plymouth is the only Economic Operator able to offer a venue for the required dates, whilst also being able to meet the Graduation Ceremony needs of the University.

Graduation Ceremony needs of the University include;

- A venue in close proximity to the University campus
- Sound and lighting infrastructure suitable for graduation ceremonies
- Venue size to be able to accommodate in a single location, three graduation ceremonies per day and a post ceremony reception with the provision of hospitality
- Additional space for robing and photography must be in close proximity, with good accessibility and capable of handling numbers in the region of 16,000 people over the 5 day period.

#### **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

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## **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:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

13 February 2025

#### **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**

Theatre Royal Plymouth

Plymouth

PL12TR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK41 - Plymouth

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: £300,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

University of Plymouth

Plymouth

Country

United Kingdom