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Tender

T997 - Student Counselling 2024

University of Essex

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b808

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

University of Essex

Wivenhoe Park

Colchester

CO4 3SQ

Contact

Aston Baker

Email

procure@essex.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.essex.ac.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

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

T997 - Student Counselling 2024

Reference number

DN2589

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Essex is seeking an external partner for delivery of its student counselling service. All registered students across three campuses are eligible to access counselling and sessions will be delivered in person or remotely by video or telephone, as aligned to the needs of the student. The service will tailor session numbers to the presenting needs of the student while retaining a short-term counselling model and the context of a university-based service. Submissions are welcome from suppliers who have experience of delivering counselling services at scale, particularly in the higher education sector, and can demonstrate an understanding of the needs of diverse groups of students.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The University of Essex is seeking an external partner for delivery of its student counselling service. All registered students across three campuses are eligible to access counselling and sessions will be delivered in person or remotely by video or telephone, as aligned to the needs of the student. The service will tailor session numbers to the presenting needs of the student while retaining a short-term counselling model and the context of a university-based service. Submissions are welcome from suppliers who have experience of delivering counselling services at scale, particularly in the higher education sector, and can demonstrate an understanding of the needs of diverse groups of students.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement

documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This contract will initially be for three (3) years, with the option of two further extensions of one year each, making a total contract period of no longer than five (5) years. Extensions will be granted at the discretion of the University of Essex.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-009582](#)

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

Date

15 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

15 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom