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Planning

(NU/1885) Supply of Current Research Information System

Newcastle University

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

(NU/1885) Supply of Current Research Information System

Reference number

DN656928

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Newcastle University requires a Current Research Information System (CRIS) capable of meeting the following high-level requirements.

1. Compliance – External

Support compliance with external requirements including Open Access, funder requirements, and UKRI technical standards.

2. Compliance – Internal

Support compliance with relevant internal standards and policies on research, publication, and IT security and compliance.

3. Integration

Support a variety of integrations with internal systems (such as HR integration) and external systems, via standard technologies such as web services/APIs. This may include: integration with external IDs such as ORCID for researchers, and Digital Object Identifier for publications; and integration with publication platforms such as ResearchFish, Scopus, and Web of Science.

4. Public profiles

Ability to publish researcher profiles, populated with key information including publication history and affiliations with research groups, academic units, etc.

5. Publication process

Ability to simplify and where possible automate the process of submitting, checking, and appending relevant metadata to articles for publication within the repository

6. Submission and management of research assessment

Ability to produce submissions to research assessment or other awarding bodies, including the ability to simulate and analyse submission responses.

7. Research impact

Ability to analyse and evidence the impact of research.

8. Reporting

Ability to report on all data stored within the CRIS, using either on-the-fly context reporting or by extracting and presenting data within a modern reporting toolset such as Microsoft Power BI.

9. Repository

Provide a fully integrated repository as part of solution or provide the ability to integrate to third party repository.

Newcastle University has in the region of 6000 researchers (including academics, post graduate researchers, guest and emeritus researchers) who may use the CRIS as administrators and/or end users. The University's ambition is to provide a unified platform for research management to:

• maintain and improve the University's research capability, impact, visibility and reputation;

• manage the University's research portfolio and output to future research assessment cycles;

• maintain sector compliance;

• attract high quality researchers and external partners through a strong 'store front' of research activity and experts.

This PIN is designed to alert the market to our future intent to tender for this requirement and to give prospective bidders the opportunity to indicate if they have an existing off-the shelf solution that is scalable to (I) handle the volume of employee users noted above as a minimum; (ii) has either been successfully implemented within another UK research-intensive Higher Education Institution or an educational establishment of equivalent size and scale. The CRIS/repository will be used across 3 campuses (Newcastle, Malaysia and Singapore) and we expect one solution to be provided to cater for all users.

Suppliers that demonstrate they are capable of meeting our requirements may be invited to present virtually or in person at the University in March 2023. Test accounts for independent investigation / testing of system functionality may also be requested.

The contract reference is NU/1885

The deadline for expressing an interest is 27th March 2023 at 2pm BST. To do so, please

email Dave Anderson at Dave.Anderson@newcastle.ac.uk

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC22 - Tyneside

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 July 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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