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## **Appointment to the University of Manchester Patent Agent Panel**

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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MANCHESTER

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofmanchester.aspx/Home>

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofmanchester.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofmanchester.aspx/Home>

## **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**

Appointment to the University of Manchester Patent Agent Panel

Reference number

2020/1760/IFPA/FG/MW

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

- 79120000 - Patent and copyright consultancy services

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

Services

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

The University of Manchester Innovation Factory (referred to below as 'UoMIF' or 'The Innovation Factory'), on behalf of The University of Manchester ('The University'), is seeking to appoint a panel of patent agents (maximum number of 3 patent agents) to provide high quality, professional and expert services relating to The University of Manchester's intellectual property portfolio.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 79120000 - Patent and copyright consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

Main site or place of performance

The University of Manchester

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

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### **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: £4,000,000

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

Start date

1 August 2021

End date

31 July 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Three years with a possibility of renewal for a further period of 2 x 12-month periods. The total potential term of the contract is 5 years from the effective date.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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

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

Date

23 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

### **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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

23 April 2021

Local time

12:30pm

Place

University of Manchester.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

University of Manchester staff only.

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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.4) Procedures for review**

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

The High Court of Justice of England

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. Applicants who are unsuccessful shall be informed by the authority as soon as possible after the decision has been made as to the reasons why the applicant was unsuccessful. If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales, and Northern Ireland). Any such action must generally be brought within 3 months. If a declaration of ineffectiveness is sought, any such action must be brought within 30 days where the authority has communicated the award of the contract and a summary of reasons to tenderers, or otherwise within 6 months of the contract being entered into. Where a contract

has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order the authority to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the contract be shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.