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## **IT078 - Network Infrastructure Refresh - Birmingham City University**

Birmingham City University

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029e52

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

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

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#### **NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Birmingham:-Network-upgrade./8E9N6MUV88>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/8E9N6MUV88>

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Higher Education

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

IT078 - Network Infrastructure Refresh - Birmingham City University

Reference number

IT078

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

- 32428000 - Network upgrade

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

Supplies

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

Suppliers are invited for the procurement of a new network solution and support for 5+1+1 (five) years, including a hand over period with the newly appointed supplier at the end of the term to ensure business continuity. This tender process will be conducted under the Competitive Dialogue procedure. This will be in a number of stages, including the Selection, Invitation to Submit an Outline Solution (ISOS), Dialogue sessions and an Invitation to Submit a Detailed Solution (ISDS).

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

Value excluding VAT: £1

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Main site or place of performance

## UNITED KINGDOM

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

#### Restricted Procedure - Competitive Dialogue

Requirements involve design or innovative solutions that will be collaboratively worked through as part of the dialogue process to reach a final, acceptable solution. This could not be reached through either the open or restricted tender route.

This tender process is focussed on delivering a new Cisco hardware refresh.

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Since 1843, Birmingham City University has been at the heart of Birmingham. The majority of our students are from Birmingham and the broader West Midlands. Each year we help over 26,500 students to achieve their ambitions.

Meanwhile, BCU grows with Birmingham. We work closely with our city, with business, the community and our academic peers locally, nationally and internationally. We recruit students from just under 100 different countries.

The network infrastructure underpins virtually everything that staff and students need at Birmingham City University. It must be fit for purpose, secure, and adaptable to cope with the demands of anticipated future growth in onsite and offsite working, and as an enabler for taking advantage of IT industry breakthroughs such as 5G and more extensive use of Artificial Intelligence and intelligent building functions.

#### The current BCU network infrastructure

The current Cisco network is now nearing end of life and within its current operating model there is hardware operating that is no longer in manufacturer support, and there is hardware across all sites running on non-manufacturer recommended support versions, due to the hardware being unable to support the latest firmware upgrades. Hardware security standards are not compliant with recognised industry standards and therefore the latest IT security functions are unavailable, leaving the University potentially exposed to cyber-attacks.

## Future University Plans

The move away from predominantly campus based working and on-site student lectures due to the implications of the pandemic have shown the need for a network that is flexible to cope with sudden short-term changes in working practices and to be scalable enough to deliver current and future working teaching strategies.

The University is working towards bringing into operation new buildings at Steamhouse, Harborne Road and Alexander stadium within the city of Birmingham, as well as expanding the business in overseas territories such as China and Dubai.

### **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

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

There are two plus one year periods, subject to satisfactory performance, extending the agreement from 60 months (5 years) to 84 months (7 years).

### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive dialogue

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

22 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

5 May 2021

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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

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

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