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Tender

Printed Book Production/RES/PRO/2022

The Open University

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/openuniversity/asp/BuyerProfiles>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/openuniversity>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

Printed Book Production/RES/PRO/2022

Reference number

OUPA10579

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Open University is seeking tenders for the supply of printed book production for a 3 year contract with 1 renewal period to a possible 4 years. This is a Restricted Procurement under the Public Contract Regulations 2015. Potential bidders will be requested to provide an expression of interest and respond to the Supplier Selection Questionnaire. The SQ responses will be evaluated as per the procurement documents and the 8 highest scoring companies will be invited to tender.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Open University seeks four providers to supply printed book production for a 3 year contract, with 1 x 12 month renewal period to a possible 4 years. The Open University provides bespoke printed books and supplements to support each student's learning

journey. The OU can typically issue 200 new products a year and circa 700 reprint orders of existing products, in varying volumes. The products are required in three trimmed sizes:- A4 (297x210mm); Crown(246x189mm) and OU Science (263x210mm). The printing requirements are for mono text, 2 colour text, 4 colour text. The binding options are unsewn, saddle-stitched and loose-leaf. Paginations range from 8pp to 496pp. The contract excludes the supply of paper and is for the supply of print, production and delivery of publications to the OU's warehouse. A framework of four suppliers will be required to fulfil the OU's requirements for this Contract. Interested applicants should review the specification documents within the tender documentation carefully before submitting a response. This is a Restricted Procurement under the Public Contract Regulations 2015. Potential applicants will be requested to respond to the Supplier Selection Questionnaire in the first instance. The responses will be evaluated and the 8 highest scoring companies will be invited to tender.

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: £5,600,000

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

The contract is for an initial period of 3 years (36 months) and may be extended by the OU for a further 1 x 12 month period up to a maximum of 4 years at its total discretion.

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The highest scoring 8 applicants will be selected to be invited to tender at the second stage of the restricted procurement, as detailed in the SQ.

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 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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 4

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Not applicable

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

6 April 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

5 May 2022

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Open University

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

The Open University

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