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Tender

Soft Facilities Services

University of Ulster

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

26 March 2024, 3:00pm

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

National registration number

NIC100166

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ulster.ac.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

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

Soft Facilities Services

Reference number

project_27467

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79993000 - Building and facilities management services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Soft Facilities Services

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 64100000 - Post and courier services
- 79710000 - Security services
- 79993100 - Facilities management services
- 90910000 - Cleaning services
- 98341120 - Portering services
- 98351000 - Car park management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Ulster University campuses in Northern Ireland at Belfast, Coleraine, Derry~Londonderry and Jordanstown Sports Village.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Ulster University is seeking to procure to award a single contract for Soft Facilities Services which will include:

- Security services
- Car parking services
- Cleaning services
- Portering services (including on-campus mail and inter-campus delivery)
- Flood defence services

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: £80,000,000

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Maximum number: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ)

It is anticipated that, subject to a sufficient number of compliant and satisfactory responses being received, a maximum of five (5) Economic Operators plus ties (if applicable and as detailed further below) who meet the requirements stated in the PQQ Documentation and:

- who receive a total overall weighted score of 45 or more for their response to PQQ – Part E (in relation to technical or professional ability); and
- who achieve the five highest total overall weighted scores for their responses to PQQ Part E (in accordance with Section 5.4 of the PQQ Documentation)

will be invited to submit tenders.

Where there is a tie for a shortlisted place, then all tied Economic Operators in that tied position will be invited to tender. A tie is deemed to occur where two or more Economic Operators have identical scores or a score within 1 mark (out of a score of 100). For example, if two Economic Operators are tied in fourth place, both Economic Operators would be shortlisted, and the fifth placed Economic Operator would not be shortlisted.

Notwithstanding that the University anticipates selecting a maximum of five Economic Operators to progress to the tendering stage, it reserves the right to select less.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

It is anticipated the contract will be for five (5) years initially, with an option to extend for any periods up to and including sixty (60) months.

There is an option for provision of Portering room utilisation services for contract years 3-10.

There is an option for provision of Flood Defence services at any stage during the contract term.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The estimated total value stated above in Section II.2.6 includes the initial five year contract period and the option to extend the contract for any periods up to and including 60 months.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

As stated in the procurement documents.

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.1.8) 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 000-020631](#)

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

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Local time

3:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

In the event that the Contract is terminated prior to expiry of the proposed initial five (5) year contract period, the University reserves the right (but shall not be obliged) in that instance to offer the second ranked most economically advantageous tenderer from this Competition (second ranked tenderer), the opportunity to enter into a replacement contract with the University on the basis of the same contract terms, rather than undertaking a re-procurement exercise at that point. Any replacement contract entered into will be for the remaining unexpired initial contract period, with the same ability for the University to extend by a further period or periods of up to five (5) years.

Entry into any replacement contract with the second ranked tenderer shall be subject to that second ranked tenderer's offer (including its tender pricing) remaining unchanged from that originally proposed at the tender return deadline. In the event that either: (a) the second ranked tenderer is unable or unwilling to stand over its original tender offer to the University; or (b) the second ranked tenderer is unable or unwilling to enter into a replacement contract with the University on the basis of the same contract terms; or (c) the second ranked tenderer declines the opportunity to enter into a replacement contract with the University for any reason, then the University reserves the right to approach the next highest ranking most economically advantageous tenderer from this Competition in turn on the same basis. This process may, at the University's discretion, continue until all ranked tenderers have been exhausted or the University decides, at its sole discretion, to undertake a re-procurement exercise.

As provided for under PCR Regulation 28, the University is shortening the minimum time limit for receipt of requests to participate (PQQ submissions) due to the urgency of this contract requirement, as the University renders impracticable the time limits stated.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The University will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (Northern Ireland).