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Tender

LUV01372 - Tax Advisory Services

University of Leicester
De Montfort University
Aston University

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Scope

Reference

LUV01372

Description

The Universities of Leicester, Aston and De Montfort (DMU, and together “the Universities”) are all academic and research Universities with thriving student communities and a reputation for academic and research excellence. As such the Universities operate in a complicated legal and regulatory environment and intend to establish a non-exclusive framework of professional tax advice for the Universities and their subsidiary companies. The framework term will be four years in total (2+1+1) – with each university having the option to either extend or leave after each term renewal . The framework will be split into three lots as detailed below with up to five suppliers envisaged to populate each lot:

Lot 1 UK Value Added Tax advice

Lot 2 Other UK Tax advice (Inc but not limited to Corporation tax review and compliance, Customs Duties, Employment Related and other UK tax advisory services)

Lot 3 International Tax advice (Inc but not limited to compliance and advisory services, Corporation tax, overseas VAT/GST relating to the consequences of overseas operations) (Non-UK, EU and Outside EU)

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<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Leicester:-Tax-consultancy-services./38B8964C9J>

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Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £2,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79221000 - Tax consultancy services
- 79222000 - Tax-return preparation services

Contract locations

- UKF21 - Leicester
- UKG31 - Birmingham

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

N/A

Lot 1. Lot 1 UK Value Added Tax advice

Description

- Lot 1 UK Value Added Tax advice

o Maximising VAT recoveries on capital projects including methodologies, options to tax, Relevant Charitable Purpose, mechanics and timing of provisional and final claims for VAT recovery. Advice if required on compliance such as Capital Goods Scheme adjustments

- oVAT implications of research contracts, seconded staff, transactions with the Student Union, catering, conferences, zero-rating, taxable supplies on property lettings, PESM adjustments, and miscellaneous VAT queries
- oFuel & Power methodologies and calculations
- oMiscellaneous VAT queries
- oChanges in law and practice; VAT saving opportunities
- oTechnical updates, webinars/events, 1 to 1 training support

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Lot 2 Other UK Tax advice (Inc but not limited to Corporation tax review and compliance, Customs Duties, Employment Related and other UK tax advisory services)

Description

- Lot 2 Other UK Tax advice
 - oAnnual corporate tax compliance
 - oEmployment Taxes – miscellaneous employment related queries as they arise, including stipends/bursaries, volunteers, ad hoc incentives, national minimum wage

- o Corporation Tax – impact and treatment of new projects, investment in LLP including disclosure in tax computations, group restructuring for loss making subsidiaries
- o Miscellaneous UK tax advice
- o Changes in law and practice; Tax saving opportunities
- o Technical updates, webinars/events, 1 to 1 training support

Lot value (estimated)

- £200,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. Lot 3 International Tax advice (Inc but not limited to compliance and advisory services, Corporation tax, overseas VAT/GST relating to the consequences of overseas operations) (Non-UK, EU and Outside EU)

Description

- Lot 3 International Tax advice
 - o Overseas Payroll compliance for small numbers of people (could be single person)
 - o Global mobility issues. There is an increasing occurrence of people being engaged/or desiring to work overseas. Usually, we wish to have high level advice on tax/social security obligations

- oOverseas Corporation Tax advice i.e. withholding tax, overseas corporate income tax
- oOverseas Tax compliance (where required). Including Corporate Income Tax filings, VAT/GST returns and similar
- oAppendix 5 agreements and other opportunities
- oInternational Sales Taxes i.e., distance learning
- oCustoms Duties
- oOther - such as permanent establishment risks
- oChanges in law and practice; Tax saving opportunities
- oTechnical updates, webinars/events, 1 to 1 training support
- oAny other miscellaneous taxes or duties

Lot value (estimated)

- £600,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

15

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Further information about fees

N/A

Framework operation description

The successful suppliers will principally be called upon to support the work of each University's Tax Offices, who have day to day responsibility or oversight of all direct and indirect taxes.

The successful suppliers must possess the skills and expertise required to support each of the University's Tax Strategies. The Universities aim to be compliant whilst legitimately minimising tax costs and fostering strong long-term relationships with tax authorities, rather than pursuing aggressive tax planning schemes.

Tax Office staff are experienced and aim to work in a collaborative way with advisers. There are regular suggestions of new activities that are brought to the Tax Office by colleagues. These potential projects can be rapidly aborted/changed where potential tax or other disadvantages are identified. Our advisers need to be able to provide suitably experienced personnel to be able to talk through/provide high level advice on potential risk areas so that a decision can be made about whether the project might proceed, before comprehensive advice is sought. Therefore, good communication is essential, including virtual and face-to-face meetings where requested.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

University of Leicester, De Montfort University, Aston University.

Contracting authority location restrictions

- UKF21 - Leicester
- UKG31 - Birmingham

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

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Technical ability conditions of participation

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Submission

Enquiry deadline

23 February 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

25 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

31 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	75%
Price	Price	25%

Other information

Payment terms

N/A

Description of risks to contract performance

Supplier Non-Performance; Supplier Insolvency/Bankruptcy

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authorities

University of Leicester

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPNM-4297-VLCH

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

De Montfort University

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZY-8857-XDBL

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Leicester

LE2 7DP

United Kingdom

Contact name: James West

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Region: UKF21 - Leicester

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Aston University

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTLB-7496-TPTR

Aston Triangle

Birmingham

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United Kingdom

Contact name: Jacob Rankine

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Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Contact organisation

Contact University of Leicester for any enquiries.