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Contract

Online Academic Writing Support

University of Ulster

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-006834

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04172f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ulster.ac.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Online Academic Writing Support

Reference number

project_27888

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Online Academic Writing Support

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,800,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A fully online academic writing and literacy support service that is equitably available to all Ulster University students and allows students to avail of both synchronous (real-time) and asynchronous academic writing and literacy support.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be for three (3) years initially, with an option to extend for any periods up to and including thirty six (36) months.

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 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 February 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Studiosity PTY Ltd

Level 1, 11 Chandos Street

St Leonards

Country

Australia

NUTS code

- AU - Australia

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,800,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

It is anticipated the contract will commence on 1st March 2024

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.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended

UK

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The University incorporated a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period at the point information on award of the contract was communicated to all tenderers. The standstill period provided time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 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).

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

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

UK

Country

United Kingdom