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Contract

## **Online Academic Writing Support**

University of Ulster

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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

University of Ulster

Block X Room X031, Cromore Road

Coleraine

BT52 1SA

#### **Email**

[s.hanson@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:s.hanson@ulster.ac.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 2870124227

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN - Northern Ireland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.ulster.ac.uk>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**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**

- 800000000 - 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

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## **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

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## **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

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Country

United Kingdom