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Award

Contract for the provision of WORKTRIBE SAAS Agreement to the University of Birmingham

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKG - West Midlands (England)

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Main address

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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

Contract for the provision of WORKTRIBE SAAS Agreement to the University of Birmingham

Reference number

SC9082/21

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Worktribe is a market leading software-as-service research management platform for research management. The suite provides a range of capabilities in use by the institution. The Research Management has been developed from the ground up to help academics and administrators manage research activity from initial project conception to bid preparation, approval, submission and post-award. The functionality includes; Costing and pricing, Document management, Approvals workflow, Ethics and peer reviews, Contracts management, Structured assessment and management of benefits and risks. These modules provide a cloud-based software platform for higher education research and curriculum management across the entire research project lifecycle. Worktribe is integrated into the institutions Oracle Fusion Cloud (HR/Finance/Payroll system and separately the data warehouse.

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: £449,303

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

An end-to-end research lifecycle management consisting of the following: research pre-award, post-award and contracts products. UoB receives external funding to carry out academic research projects. A very large proportion of this is won through competitive bids to funders, through charities, government bodies and industrial organisations.

The process of submitting applications to funders, the receipt of award funding, tracking of the award through its lifecycle and invoicing of expenditure against the award is then carried out mainly by nominated staff.

The management overhead on staff across the university in application and awards management is very large, and the need for communication and collaboration within the university is critical.

In order to improve and streamline these processes as much as possible UoB has explored the market for Research Awards Management systems. These are systems that assist with "end-to-end" management of the awards process, from bid development through to project closure.

Worktribe is a market-leading research management system. Through examination of the market and discussions with staff at other institutions, there appear to be few main options currently available for consideration. In addition since first procuring Worktribe the University has made a substantial investment in terms of integrations into the rest of the technical estate, working processes and staff training. As such, The University has decided to extend the maintenance contract for 3 years.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

SC9082/21

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 April 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Worktribe Ltd

Bristol

BS9 4PN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £449,303

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

01 August 2021 to 31 July 2022: £142,522.76

01 August 2022 to 31 July 2023: £149,648.90

01 August 2023 to 31 July 2024: £157,131.34

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The University of Birmingham

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