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Award

Oxford Medical Simulation (OMS) VR Platform Licenses

UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.chester.ac.uk

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

Oxford Medical Simulation (OMS) VR Platform Licenses

Reference number

2022-Mar-V-01

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Chester has been awarded funding from Health Education England for the OMS VR Platform for 5 years.

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: £530,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The University of Chester has been awarded grant funding from Health Education

England ("HEE") for the OMS VR Platform for 5 years. Using the OMS platform clinicians have the opportunity to manage patients in a safe and secure learning environment, learning from their experiences to optimise decision-making, critical thinking and clinical reasoning. This evidence-based approach aligns with NHS policies and procedures to improve the confidence and competence of medical students and practitioners.

Virtual reality (VR) is an emerging technology and, in medical education, is in its infancy. Oxford Medical Simulation (OMS) have created a medical education and training platform that delivers learning using unique, engaging, immersive and interactive methods. It is specifically designed to translate theory to practice to influence patient care.

OMS are named in the HEE grant agreement.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract can be extended following the agreement of both parties

II.2.14) Additional information

The University intends to contract with OMS for a 5 year period and is publishing its intention in this regard via this VEAT notice to maximise transparency and to confirm the process to be followed.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights
- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

Grant funding for this contract has been provided by HEE which has strict conditions with regards to:

- timelines by which the funding provided has to be spent. This requires full utilisation of the investment by 31st March 2022.
- Compliance with the terms of the grant funding; including sums to be spent with named suppliers.

Any delay in awarding this contract would risk HEE withdrawing funding from University of Chester. Failure to adhere to the grant funding terms would also entail clawback.

Virtual reality is an emerging immersive technology in medical training. OMS has been created by clinicians for clinicians. The platform provides training to healthcare professionals in a unique and interactive way allowing learners to practice and learn from their mistakes in a way that is safe and supported.

The OMS Platform has been trialed by several other HEE regions and is now being adopted more widely as an everyday teaching tool. Additionally, OMS was selected as one of only 12 companies to be part of the NHS Innovation Accelerator in 2021, after undergoing a rigorous evaluation process. This initiative supports high-impact, evidence-based innovations to scale within the NHS - which provides a further level of evaluation.

Health Education England detailed the Oxford Medical Simulation platform in their grant confirmation of funding letter issued to the University of Chester on 9th March 2022, creating an exclusive right.

As a result, University of Chester believes that Public. Contracts Regulations 2015, Regulation 32(2) applies.

Regulation 32(2) states:

"The negotiated procedures without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:-

(b) where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons:-

(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons,

(iii) the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights,

(c) insofar as is strictly necessary where, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority, the time limits for the open or restricted

procedures or competitive procedures with negotiation cannot be complied with."

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

2022-Mar-V-01

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 March 2022

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

Oxford Medical Simulation

201 Borough High Street

London

SE1 1JA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £530,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

University of Chester

Chester

Country

United Kingdom