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## **Provision of Research Award Management System**

University of Strathclyde

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ebe8

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM82 - Glasgow City

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00113](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00113)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictenderscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictenderscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

## **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Research Award Management System

Reference number

UOS-34733-2024

## **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

## **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

## **II.1.4) Short description**

The University of Strathclyde is seeking to procure a comprehensive, modern, cloud-based end-to-end Research Awards Management System and associated implementation services.

## **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,350,000

## **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

Main site or place of performance

The University of Strathclyde

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The University of Strathclyde is seeking to procure a comprehensive, modern, cloud-based end-to-end Research Awards Management System. The primary goal is to unify and streamline the management of research and knowledge exchange (KE) projects across their full lifecycle, from proposal development through costing and pricing to post-award management. The solution should integrate seamlessly with the University's existing systems and improve operational efficiency through enhanced data management, integration, and automation.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Five, one year optional extensions.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

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4B1.2 Turnover

Bidders will be required to have an general yearly turnover of 2,700,000 GBP for the last 3 (three) financial reporting years, to ensure the University is protected from any unforeseen financial risks that may impact the supplier or supply chain.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

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4B.5.1- 4B5.3 Insurances

Insurance requirements are in line with levels identified in the UOS standard Terms and Conditions.

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders can hold or commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types of insurance indicated below:

The Contractor shall maintain in force with reputable insurers

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = GBP 10m

Public and Product Liability Insurance = GBP 5m

Professional Risk Indemnity Insurance = GBP 2m

In respect of any one incident and unlimited as to numbers of claims.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

4C.1.2 Previous Experience

Bidders will be required to provide an example of one implementation within the last 5 years of a similar solution of comparable size (i.e. project numbers, users etc) particularly addressing the points below:

- Implementation timescale, proposed and actual
- Any issues that arose and how they were resolved
- Integrations with other customer systems (e.g. Finance, Research Information or in-house systems etc.), highlighting any issues encountered and how you overcame them
- Project outturn risk and issues register (can be anonymised)

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

#### 4D Quality Assurance Schemes

ISO/IEC 22301:2019: Business Continuity Management Systems(or equivalent).

ISO 27001: Information Security Management System (ISMS)(or equivalent).

SOC 2 Type II: Trust Services Criteria(TSC)(or equivalent)

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Please Invitation To Tender Document in PCS-T

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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

11 April 2025

Local time

12:00pm

### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

11 April 2025

Local time

1:00pm

Place

University of Strathclyde

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

The opening time of 13:00 is indicative only and the University is not held to this.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT. The Project code is \*\*\*\*\*. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

Please note within PCS-T there are mandatory questions relating to Information Security and Quality Assurance Systems.

Please note, within PCS-T there are Mandatory Pass/Fail questions relating to the Specification of Requirements. A list of these questions are attached to this Notice.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=792624](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=792624).

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Voluntary Approach

The Contracting Authority acknowledges that its procurement activities have a significant impact on the environment, society and the economy.

The Contracting Authority recognises that community benefits are a key component in

maximising social, economic and environmental benefits. The achievements and delivery of community benefits can contribute to the University of Strathclyde's Strategic Plan.

The Contracting Authority proposes to use a Voluntary Approach to Community Benefits for this requirement; this approach is to encourage the Tenderer to offer Community Benefits post Tender Submission. These will not form part of the contractual obligation and will not form part of the considerations at Tender evaluation stage.

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Glasgow Sheriff Court

1 Carlton Place

Glasgow

G5 9DA

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI2015/446) (as amended) may bring proceedings to the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.