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Tender

External Audit Services

University of Staffordshire

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05dbb1

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Updated e-procurement link to take suppliers directly to the tender opportunity

Scope

Description

The University of Staffordshire is seeking bids from experience suppliers for the provision of External Audit Services

Market Engagement has previously been undertaken and indicated that an Open Tender would allow a full test of the market

The contract is for a period of three years commencing with the 2026/27 audit. There is an option to extend by up to two further years

Suppliers must have experience within the Higher Education Sector and be able to demonstrate an understanding of the risks within the sector

Total value (estimated)

- £750,000 excluding VAT
- £900,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029
- Possible extension to 31 August 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract may be extended by up to two further years

This will be based upon performance

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services
- 79212500 - Accounting review services

Contract locations

- UKG2 - Shropshire and Staffordshire

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

2 March 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

10 March 2026, 12:00pm

Electronic auction will be used

Yes

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://procontract.duenorth.com/Advert?advertId=a9b91f42-3900-f111-813c-005056b64545>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

17 April 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 February 2029

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical	Quality	60%
Cost	Cost	30%

Name	Type	Weighting
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

University of Staffordshire

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10006299
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGTX-1922-RJNX

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government