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Planning

Student Counselling - Soft Market Testing 2023

University of Essex

F01: Prior information notice

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Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-009582

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b808

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

University of Essex

Wivenhoe Park

Colchester

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Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.essex.ac.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Student Counselling - Soft Market Testing 2023

Reference number

DN1495

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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for student mental health services. Our Student Wellbeing and Inclusivity Service

(SWIS) provides a professional and proactive service for students within a safe, healthy and

inclusive environment. It is our ambition to support our students to fulfil their potential as

individuals and to enable them to be active participants in their own educational experiences

and the transformational opportunities available to them at the University of Essex.

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We are seeking an external counselling partner who has a strong understanding of the

higher education context, including the student journey, and will be able to adapt provision to

meet the diverse needs of students.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

anticipated to be a 36 month contract with the option for two additional 12 month extensions

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 January 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes