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## **590 - Graduate Support Services**

Aston University

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b1f8

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UKG31 - Birmingham

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=902eecab-7db2-eb11-810c-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=902eecab-7db2-eb11-810c-005056b64545>

**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**

590 - Graduate Support Services

Reference number

DN543221

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

The class of 2021 graduates are facing the most difficult labour market any graduating cohort has faced. Within this context, Aston University is seeking to provide additional support for 2021 graduates and, as part of this overall increased support, we wish to partner with an external consultancy to work with our overall cohort of graduates, as well as providing targeted additional support for those who are either underemployed or unemployed with a view to progressing them into positive destinations.

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

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

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

Through this partnership, we are looking to provide a positive, personalised experience and therefore increased affiliation with the graduates you work with. We are seeking a partner who can deliver a comprehensive support package for graduates that are under or

unemployed. The aim is to;

- deliver tangible improvements in graduate outcomes
- upskill graduates through a range of supported activities
- ensure graduates feel that they have been fully supported by the University.

The contract will be established for an initial period of 15 months with an option to extend for a further period/periods of 1 year at a time. The contract is intended to start on 19th July 2021 or as otherwise agreed.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Start date

19 July 2021

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract may be extended for a further period/periods of 1 year at a time.

#### **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

## **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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

16 June 2021

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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

15 June 2021

Local time

4:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

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

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Please contact the University via the ProContract e-tendering portal in the first instance.

This authority will incorporate a minimum of 10 calendar days standstill period.  
Information on the award of the contract will be communicated to tenderers.