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## **QUB/2524/24 Contract for Northern Ireland Tour Operator**

Queen's University Belfast

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0451c7

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

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

Queen's University Belfast

Procurement Office, University Road

Belfast

BT7 1NN

#### **Email**

[f.toh@qub.ac.uk](mailto:f.toh@qub.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast/asp/Home>

Buyer's address

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/FinanceDirectorate/visitors/procurement/>

### **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast/asp/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

### **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**

QUB/2524/24 Contract for Northern Ireland Tour Operator

Reference number

QUB/2524/24

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

- 98311100 - Laundry-management services

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

## Services

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

The University invites tenders from experienced Northern Ireland Tour Operators who will provide end-to-end planning and delivery of impactful and immersive tourism and cultural experiences for university groups. The North America team at Queen's has overarching responsibility for delivering the University's international student recruitment targets and servicing a wide variety of university partnerships in Canada and the USA. A number of these partners send large groups of students or staff to Queen's and Belfast for programming and cultural immersion throughout the academic year. The University is keen to ensure professional delivery of Northern Ireland cultural programming and touring for partner institutions through the appointment of a Tour Operator.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 63500000 - Travel agency, tour operator and tourist assistance services
- 63512000 - Sale of travel tickets and package tours services
- 63510000 - Travel agency and similar services
- 63515000 - Travel services
- 63516000 - Travel management services
- 63514000 - Tourist guide services
- 63511000 - Organisation of package tours

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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#### **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**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 years, with options to extend by up to a further 36 months.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 years, with options to extend by up to a further 36 months.

#### **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.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Please refer to tender documentation.

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **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

13 May 2024

Local time

4:00pm

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

English

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

Date

13 May 2024

Local time

4:00pm

Place

Belfast

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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**

Queen's University Belfast

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Belfast

BT7 1NN

Country

United Kingdom