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Award

Schools Partnership Foundation

University of Ulster

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03c7db

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

National registration number

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Main address

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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

Schools Partnership Foundation

Reference number

project_27583

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80210000 - Technical and vocational secondary education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The provision of educational programmes and activities that inspires and unites young people across Derry/ Londonderry with Ulster University and the Foyle Learning Community.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Ulster University

Magee Campus,

Northland Road,

Londonderry,

BT48 7JL

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of educational programmes and activities that inspires and unites young people across Derry/ Londonderry with Ulster University and the Foyle Learning Community. The programme will be based on using football to engage and inspire young people to build a better life for themselves and unite the communities in which they live.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The estimated total value stated above in Section II.1.7 includes the four (4) year contract period.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services

Explanation:

This is a unique partnership with the MU Foundation, The Foyle Learning Community and several UU departments to support educational attainment and aspiration at the Magee campus at Derry~Londonderry.

The UU/MUF Partnership identifies and creates opportunities for collaborative educational outreach between UU, FLC and the wider Northwest community, with the following partnership objectives:

- to deliver educational programmes to develop a long-term partnership that is focused on delivering positive impacts and outcomes for young people in Derry~Londonderry initially, evolving to other agreed areas of Northern Ireland over time.
- work 'where people need our support'; that is to work primarily in those areas that suffer from considerable socio-economic challenge (indicators are free school meals, indices of multiple deprivation).

The Partnership co-designs a portfolio of programmes addressing the challenges young people face, such as low levels of confidence, motivation, teacher and school disengagement, anti-social behaviour, low attainment and low aspirations. The programmes currently dovetail existing WAP schools outreach, giving additional partnership benefit to the schools and pupils.

The Direct Award complies with PCR Regs 32 (9) for this procurement where it states that the negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public supply contracts for new works and services consisting of the repetition of similar works or services entrusted to the economic operator to which the same contracting authority awarded an original contract, provided that such works or services are in conformity with a basic project for which the original contract was awarded following a procedure in accordance with regulation 26(1) and (2).

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 May 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Manchester United Foundation

Sir Matt Busby Way Old Trafford, Manchester

Lancashire

M16 0RA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

National registration number

05845172

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £200,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £200,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The University shall instruct a mandatory 10 days standstill period commencing on 12-May-2023 ending at midnight on 22-May-2023 and will not enter into a contract until after this standstill period finishes.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Any proceedings alleging that the University is in breach of its duties under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 must be started in the High Court of Northern Ireland, in accordance with the time limits set out in those Regulations. The University will not enter into the contract before the end of a period of at least 10 days beginning with the day after the date on which this voluntary transparency notice is published in the Official Journal.