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Contract

NU/1897 Professional Skills and Career Development Platform

Newcastle University

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03b2fc

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKC22 - Tyneside

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk>

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

NU/1897 Professional Skills and Career Development Platform

Reference number

DN659745

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Newcastle Business School is looking for a provider of a recognised career and skills training platform who has extensive experience of working with higher education organisations or similar. Your platform will seamlessly interface with a (or many) professional social networking site(s) that are well recognised by graduate recruiters and potential employers. Your coverage should be vast, and broad, covering tens of thousands of possible career and professional development videos and resources which a business graduate at any level of their educational journey may wish to access. This will be constantly developed and kept up to date. You will have an excellent and high quality website and phone app. Your platform will integrate seamlessly with our Canvas VLE and meet all our university requirements regarding accessibility.

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: £167,200

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC22 - Tyneside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of this contract is to provide a recognised career and skills training platform which has the following features:

- extensive experience of working with higher education organisations.
- seamlessly interface with a (or many) world leading professional social networking site(s) that are well recognised by graduate recruiters and potential employers.
- coverage should be vast, and broad, covering tens of thousands of possible career and professional development videos and resources which a business graduate at any level of their educational journey may wish to access. This will be constantly developed and kept up to date.
- high quality website and phone app.
- integrate seamlessly with Canvas VLE
- meet all our university requirements regarding accessibility

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The duration of the contract shall be for 3 years commencing 1st June 2023 and ending on 31st May 2026. The contract may be extended by the mutual agreement of the University and LinkedIn for one further year from 1st June 2026.

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

NU/1897

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 May 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Linkedin

Wilton Plaza, Wilton Place

Dublin

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC22 - Tyneside

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £167,200

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Newcastle University

Newcastle upon Tyne

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The University will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) within 30 days of knowledge or constructive knowledge of breach.