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Planning

Finance System

University of Ulster

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

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

Finance System

Reference number

project_28136 pqq_4530

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Finance System

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48400000 - Business transaction and personal business software package
- 48440000 - Financial analysis and accounting software package
- 48450000 - Time accounting or human resources software package
- 48490000 - Procurement software package
- 48600000 - Database and operating software package
- 48800000 - Information systems and servers
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

The Service Provider will provide a Finance System which supports the smooth operation of the University's core education role, across three of its four campus locations in Belfast, Coleraine & Derry

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Ulster University intends to commence a procurement exercise for new Finance System later this year.

In line with the PIN advertised on TED, Ulster University is carrying out market research to understand the current marketplace for an end-to-end financial and procurement system to replace our existing financial system.

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The indicative timetable for the main stages of the procurement process is anticipated to be as follows: The University anticipates awarding contract at the end of 2024 and plans to go live between January and June 2026.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

2 September 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note that the Request for Information (RFI) questionnaire for this opportunity will be accessible on the eSourcing NI platform under project_28136 pqq_4530. This RFI questionnaire also contains further information on the opportunity which can be accessed on the following portal website:

[https://e- sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml](https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml).

This RFI questionnaire should be completed by interested providers and submitted via eSourcing NI as directed no later than 30 May 2024.

The information contained within this notice may be subject to change within the final Contract Notice published in relation to this opportunity.

The University will, once the Contract Notice and procurement documents have been published, welcome interest from all capable potential service providers. However, interested parties are advised that they must ultimately satisfy the minimum requirements of the selection criteria that will be set out in the

procurement documents, in order to be considered for the next stage (award stage) of the procurement process.