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Contract

Contract Award of Flying Lessons Provider for Aerospace Engineering Students

Swansea University

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0408bb

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKL18 - Swansea

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0345

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Contract Award of Flying Lessons Provider for Aerospace Engineering Students

Reference number

SU246(23)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80412000 - Flying-school services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

As part of the modular curriculum for Swansea University's MEng (Hons) and BEng (Hons) Aerospace Engineering degrees (both accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE), and the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS)), Level 4 undergraduates are required to undertake 1 light aircraft flying lesson of 30 minutes, covering 'basic handling' of the aircraft and 'air experience', as part of their first year of studies.

This amounts to approximately 267 students per academic year, experiencing one lesson each, spread across the 3 academic terms (October to June).

Since no lessons were undertaken during the past academic year, there is a backlog of an additional 267 students also needing lessons during this coming 2023/24 academic year and the first year of this contract.

The Aerospace Engineering department within the University's Faculty of Science and Engineering has now awarded a suitably qualified, insured and equipped flying centre with the appropriate staff, aircraft, equipment and facilities in place with the capacity to service our requirements and deliver lessons to this number of students.

The contract duration will be for an initial 2 academic years as from October/November 2023, with the option to extend for a 3rd and a 4th year. This is on the basis that student numbers for the 1st academic year shall be near double that of subsequent years, due to the need to clear the 2022/23 backlog (so potentially 2 x 267 students).

The University is unable to provide insurance for the students to undertake these lessons, therefore the awarded instructor and aircraft are fully insured, not only in line with Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) regulations but also for the University students to fly safely in confidence. A reliable route of communication is in place due to changes in weather and its impact on flying conditions so booking and administration processes are important in ensuring a high level of efficiency and customer care from the appointed contractor.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £139,692 / Highest offer: £605,052 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL18 - Swansea

Main site or place of performance

Swansea Airport, Fairwood Common, Gower Peninsula, Swansea

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Capacity Specification / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Operational & Service Requirements / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Safety Precautions / Weighting: 25

Price - Weighting: 30

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

SU246(23)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 May 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

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

Cambrian Flying Club Ltd

Swansea Airport , Fairwood Common,

Swansea

SA2 7JU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL18 - Swansea

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £140,000 / Highest offer: £605,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The University has now awarded this contract to a supplier where both the instructor and aircraft are fully insured.

This procurement was undertaken using etenderwales BravoSolution under project 31525 and itt 105114.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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