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Planning

Delivery Partner for the University of Strathclyde Business School (SBS) MBA Centre in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

University of Strathclyde

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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**

Delivery Partner for the University of Strathclyde Business School (SBS) MBA Centre in the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

Reference number

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75121000 - Administrative educational services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Strathclyde's Business School (SBS) is currently undertaking a market scoping exercise to understand levels of interest in working with the University to establish a SBS MBA Centre in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) to deliver the University of Strathclyde's MBA Programme.

Interested parties should note services to be provided under any future arrangement may not be subject to the obligations of the Public Contracts(Scotland) Regulations 2015 and that the publication of this notice does not imply that these Regulations shall apply.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- 1A - Kosovo

Main site or place of performance

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The University of Strathclyde's Business School (SBS) is currently considering opening a Centre in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) to deliver the University of Strathclyde's MBA (the Programme). The triple accredited (AMBA, EQUIS, AACSB) Programme will be developed and delivered by Strathclyde Business School academics. Students who successfully complete the programme will receive a University of Strathclyde degree.

In return for a percentage of the programme fee, the delivery partner will – with the support and direction of Strathclyde Business School Glasgow campus staff - administer the programme locally. Primary responsibilities include the provision of suitable facilities from which to operate and staff to recruit and market the programme. The partner will also financially administer the programme including the collection of tuition fees and provide local pastoral and learning support to the students.

This centre will assist SBS in the local delivery of the MBA programme, initially in Riyadh, but the potential exists for supporting delivery of other postgraduate and executive education programmes and from further regional centres within KSA in the future. To assist in a market scoping exercise, SBS would like to invite expressions of interest from organisations or individuals who are based in KSA and could see themselves as a suitable partner to deliver this initiative. Experience of managing higher education programmes, managing the operations of an educational establishment/ centre or familiarity of how international academic centre operation is managed is essential. It is desirable that the partner has a good understanding of the educational regulatory landscape in country and the Government approvals and licenses that will be required to allow the centre to open and operate.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please refer to information contained within the short description section of this notice and note that the publication of this notice does not imply that any resulting contract will be subject to obligations of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 October 2021

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

Parties noting interest will be contacted by the University and may be required to provide additional information to allow validation of their ability to deliver the requirements of this notice. Such information is considered as market consultation and may be used to prepare the procurement activity.

Please note, the University will only engage with organisations that have registered an interest in the PIN by 23rd July 2021.

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