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Contract

## **External Audit Services**

University of Sunderland

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03925d

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

University of Sunderland

3rd Floor Edinburgh Building, Chester Road

Sunderland

SR1 3SD

#### **Email**

[tenders@sunderland.ac.uk](mailto:tenders@sunderland.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKC23 - Sunderland

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofsunderland.aspx/Home>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

External Audit Services

Reference number

UoS/External Audit/1222

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Awarded Contract The University of Sunderland is looking for an External Auditor to provide its services across a number of subsidiaries which operate nationally and internationally in Sunderland, London and Hong Kong. For clarity the audit covers the companies registered in England and Wales which includes the Sunderland and London campuses but does not include the Hong Kong campus. The emphasis of this tender is to appoint an appropriately qualified organisation with suitable experience of the financial services required and an innovative approach throughout the life of the contract. External audit services are expected to commence from June 2023, to run for 3 years, auditing from our financial year 2022/23 to 2024/25 with a possible 2 x 12 months extensions.

#### **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: £875,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC23 - Sunderland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 60%

Cost criterion - Name: Costs / Weighting: 40%

### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

Various Projects funded by EU or other

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## **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**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-035820](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

External Audit Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

31 May 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

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: 1

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

RSM UK Audit LLP

3rd floor

SUNDERLAND

SR1 3SD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC23 - Sunderland

National registration number

OC325350

Internet address

[www.rsmuk.com](http://www.rsmuk.com)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £875,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

University of Sunderland

Procurement, Finance, Edinburgh Building, Chester Road

Sunderland

SR1 3SD

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Legal Services

Edinburgh Building, Chester Road

Sunderland

SR1 3SD

Email

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Country

United Kingdom