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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

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

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

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

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

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £875,000

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

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Country

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