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Contract

## **Research Audit Services**

University of Ulster

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043510

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

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

University of Ulster

Block X Room X031, Cromore Road

Coleraine

BT52 1SA

#### **Email**

[a.gray@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:a.gray@ulster.ac.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 2870124227

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN - Northern Ireland

**National registration number**

NIC100166

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ulster.ac.uk](http://www.ulster.ac.uk)

**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**

Research Audit Services

Reference number

project\_27853

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services

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

Services

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

Ulster University ("the University") wishes to appoint research auditors to carry out an audit review where required of externally funded research grants in line with the scope outlined in the relevant funder's terms and conditions.

#### **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: £170,656

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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outlined in the relevant funder's terms and conditions.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be for 26 months initially, with an option to extend for any periods up to and including 36 months.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The estimated total value stated above in Section II.1.7 includes the initial 26 month contract period and the option to extend the contract for any periods up to and including 36 months.

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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: [2024/S 000-002789](#)

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

29 May 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

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

CG Lee Limited

Ingram House, Meridian Way

Norwich

NR7 0TA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £170,656

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

It is anticipated the contract will commence on 01 June 2024.

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

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

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended

UK

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The University incorporated a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period at the point information on award of the contract was communicated to all tenderers. The standstill period provided time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (Northern Ireland).

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

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Country

United Kingdom