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## **The University of Nottingham - Digital Partner**

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F02: Contract notice

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

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

The University of Nottingham

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Nottingham

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKF14 - Nottingham

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**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**

The University of Nottingham - Digital Partner

Reference number

1561/ITT/SS

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

The University of Nottingham is seeking to engage a service provider, described as a "Digital Partner" on a framework agreement to provide strategic advice and guidance and support the delivery and modernisation of its foundational IT services across the university. Initial services to be delivered under the framework agreement include Strategic Advice and Guidance, Managed Network Services, Managed Print Services and Integration. Following the delivery of the initial services, the university will then work with the Digital Partner to prioritise and deliver the modernisation of further foundational IT services. Further information on the full scope of all the services is available in the tender documentation.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £80,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKF14 - Nottingham

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

The University of Nottingham is a world class teaching and research institution with campuses in the UK, China, and Malaysia. We are home to tens of thousands of students, academics, and staff. Our vision is to be a university without borders, where we embrace the opportunities presented by a changing world, and where ambitious people and a creative culture will enable us to change the world for the better. The university recognises the need for agile, reliable and robust technology services. They underpin everything the university does from delivering excellent, digitally enabled education, research, and professional services, to providing an exemplar user experience both on and off campus. The university intends to award a framework agreement to a single supplier with a term of four years. At the same time as awarding the framework the university intends to award call off contracts for Strategic Advice and Guidance, Network Services, Managed Print Services and Integration. These call off contracts are each expected to have a term of five years with the option to extend by two years. Draft terms and conditions for the framework agreement and call-off contracts will be provided with the invitation to tender documents.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Weighting for the quality evaluation (marks) / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Weighting for the price evaluation (marks) / Weighting: 40

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £80,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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

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

The award of this contract will be on the basis of the 'Most Economically Advantageous Tender' (MEAT).

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

As set out in the Selection Questionnaire

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

As set out in the Selection Questionnaire

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

#### **IV.1) Description**

##### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

##### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Not applicable

#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

16 August 2021

Local time

10:00am

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

23 August 2021

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

In order to respond to this Notice Applicants will need to register and / or login to <https://intendhost.co.uk/universityofnottingham/aspx/HomeWhen> registering, applicants should only register their company once. If you have any difficulty in uploading a response please contact the university via [BB-Procurement@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:BB-Procurement@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk) . Please note that all communication regarding this opportunity must be conducted via the university's In-Tend portal. Following registration applicants will be able to download the selection questionnaire (SQ) for this procurement. The SQ response should be completed and uploaded via the In-Tend portal no later than 10.00am on 16/08/2021. The university shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any applicant or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this contract notice, or in the completion or submission of any tender. The university reserves the right to change without notice the procedure for awarding the contract, to reject all or any bids for the contract; to terminate discussions with any or all interested parties and /or to stop the process and not award a contract at any time without liability on its part. The university also reserves the right to award a contract for only part of the advertised scope.IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure Notice number in the OJ S: Notice number: 2021/S 000-013338

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

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

High Court

n/a

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

In accordance with Regulation 86 and 87 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the contracting authority has incorporated a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period starting from the day when contract award was notified to the bidders. Unsuccessful bidders will be provided with a debrief in the award decision at the start of the standstill period including details of their bid in relation to the winning bid comprising the reasons for the decision, the characteristics and relative advantages of the successful tender, the score of the economic operator and the name of the economic operator to be awarded the contract. Tenderers have a right to appeal provided for within the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Any such proceedings must be brought in the High Court of England and Wales.

