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Tender

Sole Trustee for the UoB Pension and Assurance Scheme

University of Bristol

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://tenders.bris.ac.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://tenders.bris.ac.uk/>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Sole Trustee for the UoB Pension and Assurance Scheme

Reference number

Fin-2103-001-PC_1740

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66161000 - Trust services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Bristol is seeking to procure independent professional Sole Trustee Services for the University of Bristol Pension & Assurance Scheme.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66141000 - Pension fund management services
- 66160000 - Trust and custody services
- 66162000 - Custody services
- 66523000 - Pension fund consultancy services
- 66523100 - Pension fund administration services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Main site or place of performance

Bristol

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The University's is seeking to appoint a Sole Corporate Trustee Provider who adds value to the governance of the Scheme and its objectives, in the interests of both the Scheme's members and the University, as principal employer.

The Sole Corporate Trustee Provider must protect members' interests, safeguard and strategically manage the investment of Scheme assets (with the Fiduciary Manager), monitor, manage, mitigate or eliminate risks and ensure the short, medium and longer-term funding needs of the Scheme are met. Beyond this, the Sole Corporate Trustee Provider will take the initiative and develop and implement a strategy that seeks to deliver the Scheme's long-term funding objective within or before expiry of the stated timeframe. In so doing it will remain flexible and adaptable and will seek to identify innovative solutions to drive efficiency to meet the objective more cost effectively or ahead of time or to further mitigate or eliminate any risk to the Scheme, its members and the university. Throughout its tenure, the Sole Corporate Trustee Provider must ensure that the Scheme remains fully compliant with the legal and regulatory environment and the Scheme's constitution and that it maintains an effective system of governance. At all times the Sole Corporate Trustee Provider will be mindful of the need to provide a cost effective, proportionate, transparent and high-quality service to the Scheme and the University, as principal employer.

The Sole Corporate Trustee Provider will be expected to operate as Sole Corporate Trustee in line with the values which have historically applied to UBPAS trusteeship, these being;

I. to treat member interests and fairness as a very high priority; and

II. to gain an in depth understanding of the covenant, the UoB business model and thereby interact effectively with the University finance function

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

144

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The intention is to re-procure the requirement before expiry of the contract being tendered.

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

Envisaged minimum number: 4

Maximum number: 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

UoB will apply the criteria set out within the Selection Questionnaire.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial contract period will be for 6 years which may be extended to a maximum total period of 12 years.

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 quoted in II.1.5 is estimated over 12 years.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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

23 August 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Bidders have the right to appeal as set out in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Proceedings under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 are time limited and any such proceedings must be brought in the High Court of England and Wales.