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Award

Student Placement Systems

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Student Placement Systems

Reference number

SC11746/23

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

license renewal of an existing key product used to facilitate Student Placements.

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: £287,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

license renewal of an existing key product used to facilitate Student Placements.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is a license renewal of an existing key product used to facilitate Student Placements. Quantum has been supplying the InPlace Placements System to UoB following a thorough options appraisal.

InPlace is fundamental to our daily interactions with placement students and we have worked with Quantum to ensure the system has been developed alongside UoB's requirements, including data feeds from the student information system into the University's HESA and Health Education England (HEE) returns. The system has been steadily rolled out across the University and is currently used by all Colleges - it is most heavily used in MDS and LES for clinical placements (Medicine, Nursing, Physio).

A significant amount of internal investment in terms of developing training materials and supporting users has taken place since adoption. At this point in time the Student Placements Oversight Group (SPOG) and the Student Placements Implementation Group (SPIG) are working on plans to further extend and develop usage of InPlace at UoB and are doing this alongside partner HEIs. Removing or replacing InPlace at this stage would adversely impact these immediate strategic goals, would directly have a detrimental impact on the staff and student experience and would require significant time and staff resourcing. Since InPlace is integrated with Banner (our student record system) we also need to plan any change around our Institutional student administration upgrade programme (StARS).

Business ownership of InPlace across UoB has been identified as a risk to the organisation and some discussions have taken place to resolve this (and will continue) with the support DLAG (the Digital Learning Advisory Group). The Business Owner will undertake an options re-appraisal and associated procurement process 18 months before the end of this 3 year period in order to obtain the best future fit in terms of requirements and also value for money

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

SC11746/23

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 June 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £287,000

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

University of Birmingham

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