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## **Alternative Audio Text To Speech/PIN/PRO/2023**

The Open University

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-017486

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03d7d8

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

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

The Open University

Procurement Services, Walton Hall

Milton Keynes

MK7 6BP

#### **Email**

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#### **Telephone**

+44 1908274066

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

**National registration number**

RC000391

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/openuniversity>

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/openuniversity/BuyerProfiles>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from 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**

Alternative Audio Text To Speech/PIN/PRO/2023

Reference number

OUPA11059

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

- 48310000 - Document creation software package

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

Supplies

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

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48310000 - Document creation software package

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

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

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### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

29 April 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes