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Contract

## **QUB/2512/24 - Contract for Sustainable Procurement Consultancy Services**

Queen's University Belfast

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-042f1c

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

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

Queen's University Belfast

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN06 - Belfast

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.qub.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/FinanceDirectorate/visitors/procurement>

**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**

QUB/2512/24 - Contract for Sustainable Procurement Consultancy Services

Reference number

QUB/2512/24

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

In accordance with the University's Net Zero Plan (approved by Senate in June 2023), Queen's requires the services of a Sustainable Procurement Consultant to assist us with

our ambition to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040. The Consultant will be responsible for assessing Queen's current sustainable procurement practices and procedures in line with all relevant standards and frameworks, developing a roadmap to reach the highest standards, and assisting the University in embedding sustainable procurement into policies, processes, strategies, and supply chains. Queen's has reserved the right to engage the Consultant for any other additional services related to sustainability risk that may be required in future.

#### **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: £323,750

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

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

- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

Main site or place of performance

Belfast, Northern Ireland

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

In accordance with the University's Net Zero Plan (approved by Senate in June 2023), Queen's requires the services of a Sustainable Procurement Consultant to assist us with our ambition to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040. The goal is to reduce emissions and improve carbon reporting within purchased goods and services (Scope 3 emissions). The Consultant will be responsible for assessing Queen's current sustainable procurement practices and procedures in line with all relevant standards and frameworks, developing a roadmap to reach the highest standards, and assisting the University in embedding sustainable procurement into policies, processes, strategies, and supply chains. The Consultant will be required to support ongoing sustainability programmes in place at Queen's University, such as the Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework (LEAF) programme, ensuring the procurement related requirements of bronze, silver and gold status are implemented. Queen's has reserved

the right to engage the Consultant for any other additional services related to sustainability risk that may be required in future.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 40

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Contract duration is for 2 years, with options to extend by up to a further 3 periods of 12 months each

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

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

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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 000-002184](#)

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

### **Contract No**

QUB/2512/24

### **Title**

Contract for Sustainable Procurement Consultancy Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

21 May 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

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

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £250,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £323,750

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Queen's University Belfast

University Road

Belfast

BT7 1NN

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[procurement@qub.ac.uk](mailto:procurement@qub.ac.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

This authority incorporated a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract was communicated to Tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which was for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provided time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.