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Contract

## **Assessment Centre Experience (ACE)**

University of Hertfordshire Higher Education Corporation

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043d11

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

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

University of Hertfordshire Higher Education Corporation

MacLaurin Building, 4 Bishops Square

Hatfield

AL10 8NE

#### **Email**

[procurement-professionalservices@herts.ac.uk](mailto:procurement-professionalservices@herts.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

#### **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

Assessment Centre Experience (ACE)

Reference number

24004

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79952000 - Event services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The University of Hertfordshire is conducting a tender exercise in order to set up a contract for the provision of the Assessment Centre Experience (ACE). It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded 15th April 2024 and will run from the 1st of May 2024 for three (3) years until 30th April 2027. At the end of the first three years the University will have an option to extend for a further year. This is subject to satisfactory performance of the contract. The contract duration is a maximum of four years. All University policies and regulations relating to information, security, data management, systems and services, will apply to all contracts resulting from this tender. All other information is available at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofhertfordshire.aspx/Home>

#### 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: £540,000

### II.2) Description

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

- 79952000 - Event services

- 79952100 - Cultural event organisation services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Main site or place of performance

University of Hertfordshire

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

The University of Hertfordshire is conducting a tender exercise in order to set up a contract for the provision of the Assessment Centre Experience (ACE) event for students

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical evaluation / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

### **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

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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 000-006222](#)

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

### **Contract No**

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### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Assessment Centre Experience

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

11 June 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 3

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: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

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

Gradcore

The Copper Rooms Trinity Way

Salford

M3 7BG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD33 - Manchester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £467,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £467,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Crown Commercial Services

Liverpool

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

University of Hertfordshire Higher Education Corporation

Hatfield

Country

United Kingdom