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Award

Similarity Detection Systems

University of Ulster

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-034d77

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

National registration number

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Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ulster.ac.uk

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

Similarity Detection Systems

Reference number

Project_27032

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48190000 - Educational software package

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Similarity Detection Systems

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: £168,446

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase of Turnitin Software which is used to detect plagiarism and is also a fundamental part of the Electronic Management of Student Assessments at Ulster University.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: N/A / Weighting: N/A

Price - Weighting: N/A

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

It is anticipated the contract will be for three (3) years with no options to extend.

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 stated above in Section II.1.7 is for the full three (3) year contract period.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

(1) Prevention of loss of historical University data

The Turnitin solution is embedded within the entire digital learning infrastructure throughout the University. It is not technically feasible to consider another solution without a significant loss of historical information that enables the functionality of plagiarism detection throughout the University.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 July 2022

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

Turnitin UK

6-8 Charlotte Square

Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE1 4XF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £168,446

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The University shall instruct a mandatory 10 day standstill period commencing on Tuesday 5th July 2022 ending at midnight Monday 18th July 2022 and will not enter into a contract until after this standstill period finishes.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Any proceedings alleging that the University is in breach of its duties under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 must be started in the High Court of Northern Ireland, in accordance with the time limits set out in those Regulations. The University will not enter into the contract before the end of a period of at least 10 days beginning with the day after the date on which this voluntary transparency notice is published in the Official Journal.