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Contract

QUB/2524/24 Contract for Northern Ireland Tour Operator

Queen's University Belfast

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046f9e

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Queen's University Belfast

Procurement Office, University Road

Belfast

BT7 1NN

Email

f.toh@qub.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast/asp/Home>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

QUB/2524/24 Contract for Northern Ireland Tour Operator

Reference number

QUB/2524/24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 63500000 - Travel agency, tour operator and tourist assistance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University invites tenders from experienced Northern Ireland Tour Operators who will provide end-to-end planning and delivery of impactful and immersive tourism and cultural experiences for university groups. The North America team at Queen's has overarching responsibility for delivering the University's international student recruitment targets and servicing a wide variety of university partnerships in Canada and the USA. A number of these partners send large groups of students or staff to Queen's and Belfast for programming and cultural immersion throughout the academic year. The University is

keen to ensure professional delivery of Northern Ireland cultural programming and touring for partner institutions through the appointment of a Tour Operator.

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: £350,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 63500000 - Travel agency, tour operator and tourist assistance services
- 63512000 - Sale of travel tickets and package tours services
- 63510000 - Travel agency and similar services
- 63515000 - Travel services
- 63516000 - Travel management services
- 63514000 - Tourist guide services
- 63511000 - Organisation of package tours

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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programming and cultural immersion throughout the academic year. The University is keen to ensure professional delivery of Northern Ireland cultural programming and touring for partner institutions through the appointment of a Tour Operator.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 years, with options to extend by up to a further 36 months.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

Explanation:

One tender was received in response to the Open procedure, however, the bidder was unable to meet the minimum selection criteria and was deemed to be non-compliant

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

Contract No

QUB/2524/24

Title

Contract for Northern Ireland Tour Operator

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 June 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

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

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Brack Tours Ireland

11 Tamarisk Lawns, Kilnamanagh Dublin 24

Kilnamanagh

D24 YVA8

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE061 - Dublin

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Brack Tours Northern Ireland

6 Margaret Street, Newry, Co Down BT34 1DF

Newry

BT34 1DF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN08 - Newry, Mourne and Down

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: £350,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £350,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Queen's University Belfast

University Road

Belfast

BT7 1NN

Country

United Kingdom