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## **PURCON 2084 Corporate Finance System**

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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**Companies House**

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Main address

[www.uea.ac.uk](http://www.uea.ac.uk)

**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**

PURCON 2084 Corporate Finance System

Reference number

PURCON 2084

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

- 72210000 - Programming services of packaged software products

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

Services

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

The University of East Anglia intend to enter into a contract with Unit4 in respect of the services described below. The proposed contract is term 3 years.

The U4ERP (Unit4 Enterprise Resource Planning) application is the system used by the entire university for the management of its finances. The application is essential IT infrastructure as it provides accounting functionality which enables budget allocation and management across the whole university.

#### **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: £1,362,410

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKH1 - East Anglia

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

The U4ERP (Unit4 Enterprise Resource Planning) application is the system used by the entire university for the management of its finances. The application is essential IT infrastructure as it provides accounting functionality which enables budget allocation and management across the whole university. It is also the system that handles all expense claims (staff & students), procurement, accounts receivable (commercial), accounts payable, estates inventory management, research costing & pricing, general ledger and commitment accounting.

Included in the contract is also e-invoicing functionality, together with contract management, and an option to migrate to Unit4's new partner for providing a research costing & pricing platform.

The firm also provides support and maintenance under this contract. In addition, UERP will also be hosted by Unit4 in the cloud.

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

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract is subject to renewal options after the initial 3 year term.

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## **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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- U4ERP is the currently used system and is moving into the cloud, due to ending of on-premises support.

Explanation:

This award is lawful in accordance with the regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) because the competition is absent for technical reasons. The university has used the Unit4 application for over 10 years, and the system is an essential part of the university's infrastructure, such that any down time or system failure would have a detrimental effect on the running of the university.

At the present time it would be impossible for the university to procure an alternative economic operator to provide the full range of services within a suitable timeframe and without detrimentally impacting the operations of the university. The application is currently hosted on premises; the support for on premises solutions is ending shortly which requires a SaaS contract.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

### **Contract No**

PURCON 2084

### **Title**

Corporate Finance System

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

19 June 2024

#### **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**

Unit 4 Business Software Limited

C/O DAC Beachcroft LLP, Portwall Place, Portwall Lane

Bristol

BS19HS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Companies House

01737985

Internet address

<https://www.unit4.com/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,362,410.15

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,362,410

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

University of East Anglia

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom