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## **UXPLORE – Digital Connectivity Demonstrator**

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

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

UXPLORE – Digital Connectivity Demonstrator

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Coventry

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKG33 - Coventry

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/coventryuniversity.aspx/Tenders/Current>

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/coventryuniversity.aspx/Tenders/Current>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

University

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

UXPLORE – Digital Connectivity Demonstrator

Reference number

ERDF - PD-586-21 (DCD - 5G) - AP

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

Coventry University is leading a game-changing digital connectivity initiative which will benefit small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Coventry and Warwickshire, by providing a range of physical and virtual services through a network of activities across the region. The uxplora project aims to: • Support SMEs across the CWLEP area to harness the benefits of digital connectivity with a focus on future development including new 5G infrastructure. It will facilitate innovation and drive productivity through the development and commercialisation of new products, services, and business models. • Encompass a broad range of connectivity infrastructure, helping companies to maximise business opportunities by enhancing digital know-how for businesses - spanning superfast broadband, 4G, fibre, and the cutting-edge innovation of 5G. • Enable businesses to develop and showcase new products and services across multiple sectors e.g. transport, mobility, healthcare, manufacturing,

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKG33 - Coventry

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

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- Enable businesses to develop and showcase new products and services across multiple sectors e.g. transport, mobility, healthcare, manufacturing, creative industries, financial services.

The support provided by the project (combined with partner inputs from the Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub, Chamber of Commerce, LEP, local authorities, and commercial organisations) will enable businesses to embark on a digital enhancement journey, and then to progress along the technology continuum to seize the digital commercial opportunities such that are rapidly emerging and continue to evolve. The focus of the activity will be to engage with SMEs through a cohort-based, collaborative learning approach - to increase the demand for (and development of) new digitally enabled products and services. Through a combination of diagnostic assessment (technical, commercial) and a tailored programme of development, exploration and enhancement activity, the uxplere project will help participating SMEs realise the potential for digital technologies to drive their business forward. Activities will include:

- Strand 1: Generating Innovation – creation, assessment and evaluation of ideas, adoption and application of digital technologies in SMEs, Dedicated accelerator/co-working space, Support for stages of business start-up, scale-up, and growth, Support for product/ service/ process development, Access to 5G/digital infrastructure, RanD expertise and specialist equipment, Access to finance, funding, and investment (including Proof of Concept funding).
- Strand 2: Commercialising Innovation – adoption and demonstration programmes tailored to business needs, stimulating creation of new products, services, business models in Coventry and Warwickshire priority sectors: Intelligent Mobility, Digital and Creative, Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, Health and Wellbeing – also aligning with WM5G Testbed priority sectors, Access to expert mentors and entrepreneurs for business diagnostics, analysis, and strategic planning.
- Strand 3: Sustaining Innovation and Knowledge Sharing - outreach and engagement, stakeholder relationship building, knowledge management and gateways to acceleration, coaching and mentoring networks, linking with the existing business support ecosystem. The project will deliver these activities through a series of programmes, with the goal of evidencing outputs for 230 SMEs by June 2023.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

19

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**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: Yes

Identification of the project

06R19P03584

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**Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1) Conditions for participation**

**III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

6 September 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

6 September 2021

Local time

12:01pm

Place

Coventry University - Virtual opening ceremony

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

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

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

Coventry University Higher Education Corporation Group

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom