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Planning

Partnership for the Provision and Development of Research Computing Technology

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofbirmingham>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Partnership for the Provision and Development of Research Computing Technology

Reference number

FRAM577/23

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72222300 - Information technology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The procurement is for a new partnership agreement, to succeed the current contract 'THE PROVISION OF RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP AND SOLUTIONS' SC/3818/15. Since 2015, it has supported the evolution and success of the Birmingham Environment for Academic Research (BEAR); its High Performance Computing (HPC) capability as well as other major research computing initiatives, including the EPSRC funded Tier2, accelerated compute facility, Baskerville and the MRC funded CLIMB cloud.

The new technology partnership will underpin the University's ambitious goals, encapsulated in 'Birmingham 2030' and the role of HPC for computational science in achieving those goals. We are looking for a partner to bring expertise and industry insight in the drive to exploit the latest technologies to build high performance, sustainable and reliable services. As such, the partner must be able to deliver added value across our broad spectrum of activity in addition to the basic supply of high-performance infrastructure and services.

It is anticipated that due to the investment required on both sides of this partnership, that this non-exclusive framework will be for 4 years, with an option to extend for a further 2 years + 2 years.

The spend is estimated at £25,000,000. This would be distributed unevenly throughout the course of the contract.

For background to the current operation, see bear.bham.ac.uk

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 30211100 - Super computer
- 72222300 - Information technology services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This PIN is being used as a call for competition and tenderers are expected to express their interest through the In-tend website, address provided above. The procurement will be a restricted procedure with a maximum of 5 tenderers being selected at SQ stage (Stage 1) to proceed to the Invitation to Tender (Stage 2).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 September 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Any queries and questions regarding this PIN and the upcoming tender should be submitted via the In-Tend portal

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofbirmingham/>