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Planning

## **Partnership for the Provision and Development of Research Computing Technology**

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

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Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-019644

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03e04b

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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

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## 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](http://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

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## **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

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## **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/>