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Award

Provision of software development and associated activities

OPEN UNIVERSITY(THE)

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

OPEN UNIVERSITY(THE)

The Open University

MILTON KEYNES

MK7 6AA

Contact

Procurement Team

Email

finance-tenders@open.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.open.ac.uk

Buyer's address

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/openuniversity/aspx/Home

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

Provision of software development and associated activities

Reference number

OUPA10627

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Open University (OU) are appointing a 3rd party to provide software development and associated activities, to support the CORE OU project.

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: £300,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72230000 - Custom software development services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

- EE - Estonia

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Service development capacity, in the form of software development and associated activities, to support the CORE project:

CORE hosts the world's largest collection of open access research outputs, which are used and referenced by people globally, including researchers, libraries, software developers, funders.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

1 x 12 months

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:

  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Open University (OU) intends to award a one (1) year agreement to Qubit Labs to provide software development and associated activities, to support the CORE OU project.

The CORE code base contains more than 250k lines of code. Qubit personnel have the required training, expertise and specialist knowledge to operate and develop the CORE infrastructure The cost and time to upskill another company to the level required precludes the award of the contract to a company other than Qubit.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 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

Qubit Labs

Sepapaja tn

Tallinn

Country

Estonia

NUTS code

- EE - Estonia

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £300,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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