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## **Management and Delivery of Ulster University Business School Teaching Contracts in China**

University of Ulster

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-035538

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

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

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BT52 1SA

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN - Northern Ireland

**National registration number**

NIC100166

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Management and Delivery of Ulster University Business School Teaching Contracts in China

Reference number

27031

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Management and Delivery of Ulster University Business School (UUBS) Teaching

Contracts in China

### **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: £1,704,116

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- CN - China

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

Management and Delivery of Ulster University Business School Teaching Contracts in China

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

It is anticipated the contract will be for 2 years initially with an option to extend for any period(s) up to and including 12 months.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The estimated total value stated above in Section II.1. and includes the full 2 year contract period with the option to extend for any period (s) up to and including 12 months.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

Due to the on-going outbreak of COVID-19 and travel restrictions to and within China, Ulster University Business School staff remain unable to fulfil Ulster University's contractual teaching obligations on MoE Approved Joint Programmes with Hebei Geo University (HGU) and the Dongbei University of Finance & Economics (DUFEE). Ulster not being able to meet its teaching commitment, would constitute a breach of contract under the regulations governing the Joint-Programme sponsored by the MoE in China, and will lead to the withdrawal of the contract.

To ensure the continuation of their teaching obligations in China, Ulster University have appointed an in-country supplier to provide this service. CII are the current providers of this service and have demonstrated an ability to provide teaching services in line with the quality requirements as laid out in the MoE Contract and in line with Ulster's Recognised University Teacher processes.

It is the intention of Ulster University Business School to undertake an open tender for this service following the end of the contract period detailed in this VEAT notice and will use this contract period to draft the necessary tender documents with legal and financial advisors.

#### **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**

27031

### **Title**

Management and Delivery of Ulster University Business School (UUBS) Teaching Contracts in China

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

25 July 2022

#### **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**

China Intellectual Education Institute

B301A1, Building 18 No 1 Xueyuan Square, Shahekou District Dalian,

Liaoning Province

110023

Country

China

NUTS code

- CN - China

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,704,116

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#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The University shall instruct a mandatory 10 day standstill period commencing on 26 July 2022 ending at midnight on 04 August 2022 and will not enter into a contract until after this standstill period has completed.

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

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

High Courts of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Any proceedings alleging that the University is in breach of its duties under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 must be started in the High Court of Northern Ireland, in accordance with the time limits set out in those Regulations. The University will not enter into the contract before the end of a period of at least 10 days beginning with the day after the date on which this voluntary transparency notice is published in the Official Journal.

