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Contract

(NU/1647) Supply of a Digital Exam System

Newcastle University

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029804

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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

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

(NU/1647) Supply of a Digital Exam System

Reference number

DN527361

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Newcastle University is looking for a digital exam system to support the provision of authentic summative assessments in a secure digital environment.

Newcastle University has in the region of 28,000 students and 5,500 staff, who may use the

digital assessment system. Prior to the global pandemic the University's centrally supported

digital exams service delivered 140 on campus digital exams each academic year, equating

to 20,000 student sittings. The largest cohort sitting an individual exam exceeds 400

students. On campus digital exam provision is expected to return to a similar level from 2021/22 academic year, should the public health situation allow.

Demand for on campus digital exams exceeds the scale of existing provision, and increasing

both capability and capacity is a strategic priority. The University's ambition is to expand

the

scale of on campus digital exam provision using a combination of delivery on university

owned PCs and student's own devices, alongside diversifying the types of online assessment

that can be delivered in a secure exam setting.

The scope of this tender is for the supply and support of a digital exam system to be used by

all members of the University, including those located in our Branch Campuses in Malaysia

and Singapore. Digital exams will take place on campus.

Please note that tenders are only invited from bidders who have an existing off the shelf solution, deployed in an educational institutions of comparable size and scale (as detailed in the ITT documentation). We will not consider bespoke solutions.

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: £645,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC22 - Tyneside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Merit and Functional Fit / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Usability / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will commence on contract signature, with an implementation period up to 3rd September 2021. The solution will 'go-live' on 6th September 2021 and will run for an initial 24 months from the go-live date, ending on 5th September 2023.

If the performance fulfils the expectations of the University during the initial 24-month contract period, then a further 12-month contract may be awarded to run from 6 September 2023, subject to mutual agreement. A further two 12-month contracts may be awarded on the same basis, to give a maximum contract length of 5 years post go-live. Options will be taken up on or before 1st February 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Lot No

1

Title

(NU/1647) Supply of a Digital Exam System

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 July 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Inspira AS

Cort Adelers gate 30

Oslo

Country

Norway

NUTS code

- NO - Norway

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £645,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Newcastle University

Newcastle upon Tyne

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The University will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) within 30 days of knowledge or constructive knowledge of breach.

