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Tender

Student Assessment/Diagnostic Evaluation Software Package

University Of Bedfordshire

F02: Contract notice

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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://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofbedfordshire.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofbedfordshire.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

Student Assessment/Diagnostic Evaluation Software Package

Reference number

UOB/GEN556/2022/07

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The University is sourcing a student assessment/diagnostic evaluation software package.

The University of Bedfordshire has strategic priority (as defined in our APP) to address student retention, attainment and success. One of the institution's key approaches to this is to address students' abilities to write effective assessments and to support students' assessment journeys. We are seeking a supplier who can help students to understand how to improve their academic writing skills and to help our students' develop their academic voice. In responding to the requirements in sections A through I suppliers are required to focus their responses upon this approach. The successful supplier will need to fulfil this role by providing 24 hour day / 365 days a year with a fully scalable service which may see up to several hundred units worth of submissions in one day at peak times. In addition the University is looking to adopt standard diagnostic assessments for new students, these will augment our existing support services and support our understanding of our students' skills. The system may be expanded to all the University's 16,000 UK-based students, though the initial priority groups will be foundation and first year students (typically around 6-7,000 students). There are five high-level requirements for a potential system: firstly, that the system is externally hosted; secondly, that feedback is provided by a human assessor (rather than AI) - because we anticipate students will have questions which require a human evaluation; thirdly, that the system provides reporting mechanisms enabling the University to review progress of student engagement; fourthly, that the system and feedback provided to students will be via an online environment accessible via a range of devices; finally, that the feedback provided to

students complements our existing assessment practices and does not seek to provide feedback relating to subject knowledge - which is firmly within the remit of our academic colleagues.

This tender will be awarded against the University of Bedfordshire's Terms and Conditions.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This contract is for one year with the option to extend for an additional two years with agreement by both parties in writing

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

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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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

29 August 2022

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

29 August 2022

Local time

1:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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