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Tender

External Assurance Services/OPEN/PRO/2021

The Open University

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02c5d8

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/openuniversity.aspx/BuyerProfiles>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/openuniversity>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

External Assurance Services/OPEN/PRO/2021

Reference number

OUPA10680

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Open University is seeking bids for the Provision of External Assurance Services as follows:-An independent review of the financial and operational case for the reset of its Core Systems Replacement (CSR) programme; and The provision of independent assurance on the scope and quality of the CSR and Associate Lecturer Contract Change (ALC) Programme's reporting. Supporting services where required. Further details are contained in the Specification in the tender pack.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

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.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for an initial period of 2 years and may be extended by the OU for 2 x 12 month periods to a total of 4 years at its discretion. The value of the contract is for the total initial period and all potential extension periods.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract is for an initial period of 2 years and may be extended by the OU for a total of two further 1 year periods to a total of 4 years at its discretion. Additional supporting audit services offered by the supplier may be purchased as part of this contract. Any additional purchasing relating to this contract will be made with the successful supplier under this contract to ensure consistency and continuation of supplier support. There is no restriction on the spend value of additional purchases as this will be governed by the OU's available budget.

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 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

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

Notice number: [2021/S 000-015974](#)

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

Date

9 September 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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