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Contract

## **Trinity MAT - Provision and Supply of External Audit Services**

TRINITY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKE4 - West Yorkshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.trinitymat.org/>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Trinity MAT - Provision and Supply of External Audit Services

Reference number

771713026

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Trinity Multi Academy Trust (Trinity MAT) is an education provider for young people from the ages of 3-19. It is a growing trust, and currently Its sites consist of 10 academies, 1

head office, 2 external initiatives, and 1 x subsidiary company 'White Rose Education Ltd'. (As of March 2023). Trinity MAT are seeking a supplier for the provision and supply of external audit services. This Invitation to Tender (ITT) is a call for competition amongst suppliers to meet our organisational requirements. The contract has an estimated value of between £200,000 and £250,000 for the maximum life of the contract 5 years All references in these documents to values and/or volumes of business are for guidance only and there is no guarantee of any business

#### **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: £245,750

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

Main site or place of performance

West Yorkshire

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

Trinity MAT is looking to appoint a firm of Auditors to:

1. Deliver an annual audit plan for the trust and its subsidiaries (currently only White Rose Education (WRE) Limited).
2. Annual audit of annual financial statements of Trinity MAT and subsidiaries as per ESFA trust handbook.
3. Prepare the annual financial statements of Trinity MAT, its subsidiary and consolidated accounts.
4. Attend and present the Audit Findings and Financial Statements to the Audit Committee & WRE Directors for recommendation/signing in December.
5. Prepare and audit of the Annual Accounts Return including the provision of an Independent Report on the Annual Accounts Return as required by the ESFA.
6. Audit our Teachers' Pensions End of Year Certificate.
7. Audit of any Department for Education/ESFA funding streams and related expenditure, as required.
8. Any audit, corporation tax (including gift aid and R&D credits), payroll and VAT advice as required especially in relation to overseas tax regulations.
9. Support, advice and guidance with annual stocktake quality assurance for Balance Sheet figures (mainly WRE).
10. Computation and submission of Corporation Tax Return for WRE Ltd.
11. Submission of all financial statements to Companies House
12. Trinity MAT can accommodate a

hybrid working model with the supplier during the contract, this will entail some onsite working, as well as work being carried out in relation to the Eternal Audit Service offsite. Tenderers proposals should not include remote and offsite only proposals. 13. Shall be fully compliant with Academies Financial Handbook. The Academies Financial Handbook sets out the financial management, control and reporting requirements that apply to all academy trusts. It describes a financial framework for trusts that focuses on principles rather than detailed guidance and reflects their accountability to Parliament and to the public. Compliance with the handbook is a condition of each trust's funding agreement. The Academies Financial Handbook sets out the duties and obligations of academy trusts which have a funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education. The handbook, together with the funding agreement (of which this document forms part) describes the financial relationship between EFA and academy trusts. The handbook covers all the requirements under the financial accountability system for academy trusts. The handbook sets out the areas of HM Treasury's Managing Public Money that directly apply to trusts, and all references to it provide further explanation and clarification of these areas.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Options: No

#### **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**

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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: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-005576](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

771713026

### **Title**

Trinity MAT - Provision and Supply of External Audit Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

14 July 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Armstong Watson LLP

15 Victoria Place

Carlisle

CA1 1EW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

National registration number

OC415608

Internet address

<https://www.armstrongwatson.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £245,750

Total value of the contract/lot: £245,750

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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

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

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