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Opportunity

## **541 - External Audit Services**

Aston University

F02: Contract notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Aston University

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Birmingham

B4 7ET

### **Contact**

Mrs Shirley O'Reilly

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**Country**

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**NUTS code**

UKG31 - Birmingham

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.aston.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.aston.ac.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=a5498dac-2604-ec11-810d-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=a5498dac-2604-ec11-810d-005056b64545>

**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**

541 - External Audit Services

Reference number

DN563810

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Aston University is looking to appoint an External Audit Services provider. The initial contract will run for 3 years with the option to extend for 2 years on 2x 12 month basis, subject to performance.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Main site or place of performance

Aston University, Aston Triangle, Birmingham, B4 7ET

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

Aston University is going out to tender for External Audit Services.

- To appoint a supplier who can deliver a reliable and accurate audit service in a timely manner;
- To appoint a provider who will work closely with key members of the University to deliver Aston's objectives;
- Achieve value for money with competitive rates and exceptional service; and
- The supplier must offer excellent contract management.
- To appoint external auditors who will ensure a high quality risk-based audit to meet all regulatory and legal requirements;
- Sector knowledge and experience of audits of other HEI's;
- To receive additional added value including insights related to the sector; and
- Excellent contract management including forward planning and communication

#### **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

The initial contract period is 3 years with the option to extend for a further 2 years based on a 2 x 12 month periods based on performance.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **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

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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**

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#### **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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

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

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Please contact the University via the ProContract e-tendering portal in the first instance.

This authority will incorporate a minimum of 10 calendar days standstill period. Information on the award of the contract will be communicated to tenderers.