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## **Finance System Implementation Manager**

Queen Margaret University

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00364](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00364)

**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**

Finance System Implementation Manager

Reference number

QMU-29354

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

- 72222000 - Information systems or technology strategic review and planning services

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

Services

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

Procurement of a Project Manager to oversee the deployment and implementation and embedding of the new finance system.

#### **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: £150,000

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

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

- 72222000 - Information systems or technology strategic review and planning services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

Main site or place of performance

Queen Margaret University.

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

QMU have procured a new ERP Finance Software solution.

For the project's next phases, QMU requires a Project Manager to implement the deployment and embedding of the new system and associated processes.

#### **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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

In compiling the statement of requirements for the next phase, it has become apparent that the consulting Project Manager will need in-depth knowledge of QMU's existing culture and processes and procedures across the whole finance and department as well as in-depth knowledge of Unit 4's ERP Finance Software. Although multiple organisations may have experience with Unit 4's systems, the technical knowledge regarding QMU's internal finance operations currently only exists with the proposed Consultant through their work in the first phase.

It is determined that the Consultant's unique technical knowledge of QMU's finance policies, processes, procedures, and culture would lead to a lack of competition should a public procurement be conducted and therefore qualifies QMU to implement the negotiated procedure without prior publication process in accordance with Regulation 33(1)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section V. Award of contract/concession

### Contract No

QMU-29354

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

25 July 2023

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

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

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

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Telephone

+44 7714743560

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ26 - East Surrey

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £150,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

Edinburgh Sherriff Court

27 Chambers St

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