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Contract

Checkpoint Firewalls and Support Services

University of Ulster

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-024741

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02e048

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

WWW.Ulster.ac.uk

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Checkpoint Firewalls and Support Services

Reference number

GC_01_LS_2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72267000 - Software maintenance and repair services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Checkpoint Firewalls and Support Services

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72267000 - Software maintenance and repair services
- 72267100 - Maintenance of information technology software
- 72267200 - Repair of information technology software

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

All Campuses

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

The University is seeking a partner (the Supplier) to provide support to the network team maintaining the campus firewalls. Support will include license renewals, highly responsive technical

expertise to resolve technical problems, ensure seamless major version upgrades, provide bi-annual

review and recommendations on best use of the firewall investment and support enabling any

existing licensed capabilities which are not utilised to their full potential. Further, the Supplier

should have experience of configuring Check Point Quantum for optimal configuration and

integration with Security information and event management (SIEM) and Security Operations Centre

(SOC) products.

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

Duration in months

48

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 IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

GC_01_LS_2021

Title

Checkpoint Firewalls and Support Services

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

30 July 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

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

Integrity Communications Limited

Block D, 3rd Floor, The Concourse, Beacon Court, Sandyford

Dublin

Dublin 1

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE061 - Dublin

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £395,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Due to the licencing model of the firewall supplier the next licencing scale is to move to 16 CPU cores substantially increasing licencing costs.

Due to the very high threat environment and the large number of HE institutions that have been compromised over the last year we have been advised there is requirement to increase the level of security checks on traffic entering the firewalls.

Increase of £99,481.03

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Any proceedings alleging that the University is in breach of its duties under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 must be started in the High Court of Northern Ireland, in accordance with the time limits set out in those Regulations. The University will not enter into the contract before the end of a period of at least 10 days beginning with the day after the date on which this voluntary transparency notice is published in the Official Journal.

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 72267000 - Software maintenance and repair services

VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72267000 - Software maintenance and repair services
- 72267100 - Maintenance of information technology software
- 72267200 - Repair of information technology software

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

All Campuses at Ulster University

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

The University is seeking a partner (the Supplier) to provide support to the network team

maintaining the campus firewalls. Support will include license renewals, highly responsive technical

expertise to resolve technical problems, ensure seamless major version upgrades, provide bi-annual

review and recommendations on best use of the firewall investment and support enabling any

existing licensed capabilities which are not utilised to their full potential. Further, the Supplier

should have experience of configuring Check Point Quantum for optimal configuration and

integration with Security information and event management (SIEM) and Security Operations Centre

(SOC) products.

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Duration in months

48

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£395,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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Block D, 3rd Floor, The Concourse, Beacon Court, Sandyford

Dublin

IE061

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

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Due to the very high threat environment and the large number of HE institutions that have been compromised over the last year we have been advised there is requirement to increase the level of security checks on traffic entering the firewalls.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

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Due to the very high threat environment and the large number of HE institutions that have been compromised over the last year we have been advised there is requirement to increase the level of security checks on traffic entering the firewalls.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £333,841.13

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £433,322.16