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Contract

Provision of Student Counselling Services

University of Ulster

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02e8fa

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

University of Ulster

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NUTS code

UKN - Northern Ireland

National registration number

NIC100166

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Student Counselling Services

Reference number

Project Code_23485

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Provision of Student Counselling Services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

All Campuses of Ulster University

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

Provision of Student Counselling Services

The University requires telephone advice, information, support and counselling by appropriately qualified professionals to be available to all students on a 'freephone' number, 24 hours a day for the duration of the contract on any issue raised by the student. This helpline should also be the primary source of emotional support for students outside normal university working hours and holiday periods. Critical incident responses within the university will also be requested via the helpline outside normal university opening hours.

The original Contract was for four years ending on 31.08.2021, however a continuation is required of the current contract up until 31.12.2021 to allow time to Tender the existing Requirement.

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

Start date

1 September 2017

End date

31 August 2021

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

Notice number: [2017/S 187-382578](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

Project Code_23485

V.2) Award of contract/concession

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

31 August 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

Inspire Wellbeing

Lombard House, 10-20 Lombard Street

Belfast

BT1 1RD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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: £400,000

Section VI. Complementary information

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 therein (including the requirement to start proceedings within 30 days beginning with the date when the economic operator first knew or ought to have known that grounds for starting proceedings had arisen). The University will not enter into the modifications proposed herein before the end of a period of at least 30 days beginning with the day after the date on which this 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

- 85312320 - Counselling services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

Provision of Student Counselling Services for all Campuses of Ulster University.

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

Start date

1 September 2017

End date

31 December 2021

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£400,000

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

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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):

The Contract is to be modified to allow time to run another Tendering Competition to 31.12.2021. It is a continuation of the current service.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

In line with PCR Reg 72(1)(b) this change permits purchase of additional services that have become necessary and were not included within the original procurement. A change in contractor would cause significant inconvenience and a substantial duplication of costs for the University. The value of the modification also does not exceed 50% of the original contract value.

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: £400,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £450,000