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U.M. Association Ltd

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0488d2

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Edgbaston

BIRMINGHAM

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Companies House

RC000645

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Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

U.M. Association Ltd

Reference number

FRAM882-24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66510000 - Insurance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency (VEAT) relates to the annual renewal for part of the University of Birmingham's Insurance provision.

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: £6,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency (VEAT) relates to the annual renewal for part of the University of Birmingham's Insurance provision. The University is proposing to extend their existing contract with UMAL for the provision of this service for a period of one year, with the option to extend for a further one year, whilst a full review of the University estate, Insurance requirements and preparation for the tender process is undertaken.

UMAL are the University's current insurance provider and there are several reasons, detailed below, as to why the University is unable to change provider at this time.

- A wholesale valuation of the University's Buildings, Property and Contents is required in order to properly demonstrate the value of the Estate;
- A review with internal stakeholders is required to properly understand all manner of risks, including Liability, Travel, Research, Financial, and Reputational;
- A review with The Executive Group is required to understand the Risk Tolerance of the University;

It is essential all of the above is undertaken prior to a Tender process commencing in order for the University to discharge its responsibilities under the Insurance Act 2015 wherein it must disclose all material facts which may affect a prudent insurer's judgment. If the University is found to be non-compliant, cover may be withdrawn or cancelled, and claims may not be paid.

UMAL is a Mutual comprising approximately 154 UK universities with the University being one of its first members. The University is also its largest member in terms of contribution and portfolio value. Some of the benefits of being a Member of a Mutual are: an annual Credit Note, Member Loyalty Bonus, and no requirement to pay Insurance Premium Tax at 12% of the value of the contributions (overall £2.5m this year). UMAL currently provides the level of cover required by the University and is also able to arrange further covers should these be required.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 August 2024

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

U.M. Association Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

2731799

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: £6,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

University of Birmingham

Edgbaston, Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom