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## **Current Research Information System**

Middlesex University

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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#### **Country**

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#### **NUTS code**

UKI71 - Barnet

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/mdx>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/mdx>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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**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**

Current Research Information System

Reference number

UPO-0028

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

Supplies

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

Middlesex University requires a supplier who has the ability to deliver this contract and can demonstrate previous experience and a broad skills base in the provision of systems supporting the research lifecycle. We recognise that the digital services needed to underpin and support research are multi-faceted and complex. We see the adoption of this integrated digital research management and support service as crucial to providing effective and efficient management of the research lifecycle and associated resources and informing decision-making and planning which will enable us to be more proactive in securing and mobilising funding and resources, as well as promoting research outputs and expertise to funders and potential partners for increased research impact. We require a solution for integrated digital research information management, with the scope of requirements encompassingA) A core module for research information management (including integration with (or replacement and mi

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI71 - Barnet

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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- A) A core module for research information management (including integration with (or replacement and migration off) the current Eprints research repository and Figshare data repository for research output and academic staff profile management),
- B) An ethics module for managing ethics applications and approvals,
- C) Functionality to enable us to manage the postgraduate research degree student lifecycle from registration to degree award, marking milestones, which integrates with our MISIS student records system.
- D) Reporting and analytics which support all stages of the research lifecycle and allow data to be extracted for use in our Tableau reports.
- E) An easy-to-use, engaging, and seamless interface for use by both academics and professional services staff, which supports the research lifecycle and acts as the 'single source of truth'.

We wish to be able to implement CRIS functionality in a staged modular approach, with initial modules covering the following core areas of functionality:

- Core Research Information management – Including
  - o integration with HR and Finance (Oracle PAFIS),
  - o Pre- and Post-Award research funding management, including costings and project milestones, notifications of funding and knowledge exchange opportunities,
  - o links to research outputs including integration with (or replacement of) our Research Repository (Eprints) and Figshare research data repository,
  - o provision of researcher/academic staff profiles to encourage engagement and facilitate reporting and analytics at various levels within the organisation and integration with our [mdx.ac.uk](http://mdx.ac.uk) site to allow these to be presented as a means of raising our staff profile.
- Post-Graduate Research Student progression – encompassing registration, key milestones, supervisor meetings and feedback, encouraging student engagement, and supporting the overall postgraduate research student lifecycle.
- Ethics – Integration with Infonetica (or replacement of) functionality to manage research ethics applications and approvals.

### 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

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Proposed term is 5 years with options to extend

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

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

17 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

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

Date

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Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

The Public Procurement Review Service

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London

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[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

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United Kingdom