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Contract

External Audit Services

University of Ulster

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-025156

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03f72e

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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

National registration number

NIC100166

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ulster.ac.uk

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

External Audit Services

Reference number

project_27542

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212000 - Auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

External Audit Services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

Provision of External Audit Services to the University.

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

Start date

1 August 2018

End date

31 July 2023

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

project_27542

Lot No

1

Title

External Audit Services

V.2) Award of contract/concession

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

1 August 2018

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

Ernst & Young LLP

1 More London Place

London

SE1 2AF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

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: £240,000

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

- 79212000 - Auditing services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

Provision of External Audit Services to the University

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

Start date

1 August 2018

End date

31 July 2023

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£772,500

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

Ernst & Young LLP

1 More London Place

London

SE1 2AF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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):

Contract duration extended by 12 months

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:

The University ran a secondary competition under the Crown Commercial Services framework agreement for Audit & Assurance Services RM6188. No tenders were received by the closing date. Tenderer feedback indicated that a lack of resources in the sector and the timing of the tender were contributing factors. This feedback indicated that there was a significant risk that a new contract could not be awarded before expiry of the existing contract. It was decided to extend the existing contract for another year to provide cover for this critical service, with a new tender competition to commence in late 2023.

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: £240,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £346,600