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Contract

## **Internal Audit**

University of Ulster

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-028f2e

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

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

University of Ulster

Block X Room X031, Cromore Road

Coleraine

BT52 1SA

#### **Email**

[a.todd@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:a.todd@ulster.ac.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 2870124515

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ulster.ac.uk](http://www.ulster.ac.uk)

**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**

Internal Audit

Reference number

project\_26822

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

- 79212200 - Internal audit services

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

Services

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

Internal audit services for Ulster University

#### **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: £625,460

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

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Belfast, Coleraine and Magee campuses

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Internal audit services with the successful provider will assist the University in ensuring a robust governance environment through a systematic, disciplined and balanced approach to the evaluation of the effectiveness of the financial and internal controls, risk management and other governance processes, recognising that these should be proportionate to the scale and nature of the University's business.

The scope of internal audit work extends to all of the University's activities, including those relating to the University's wholly-owned subsidiary Innovation Ulster Ltd and any new entities that may be formed over the period of the contract. The scope will include:

- (a) Financial Systems Reviews
- (b) Operation Systems and Processes Reviews
- (c) Subsidiary Company and Discrete Activities Reviews
- (d) Computer/IT Assurance Reviews
- (e) Faculty Reviews
- (f) Value for Money Reviews
- (g) Governance & Risk Assurance Reviews
- (h) Data Returns and data quality Reviews
- (i) Contract Management

Internal Auditors will also be required to set out in detail how they assess audit risk and explain their proposed approach to the preparation, review and issue of Internal Audit reports. Procedures for following up recommendations made should be specified and should comply with the Committee of University Chairs (CUC) Audit Committees Code of Practice, and any revisions thereof.

Internal auditors will be required to develop audit strategy and related annual plans in addition to attending audit and risk committee meetings of which there are up to 5 each year, alongside monthly contract management meetings.

Internal auditors will be expected to provide an experienced team to deliver the audit strategy and related plans accessing and using specialist expertise as and when necessary.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Key Team Members / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology for Service Delivery / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology for Contract Management / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Access to Specialist Expertise / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be for three (3) years initially, with an option to extend for any periods up to and including twenty-four (24) months.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

This call-off contract was awarded following further competition as provided for under the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) framework agreement for Audit & Assurances RM6188 framework - Lot 1 Internal Audit

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-002008](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

project\_26822

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

19 August 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Deloitte (NI) Limited

27-45 Great Victoria Street, Lincoln Building

Belfast

BT2 7SL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £625,460

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

It is anticipated the contract will commence on 1 August 2022.

### **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

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (Northern Ireland).