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## **Award of Graduation Venue Hire**

University of South Wales

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

University of South Wales

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.southwales.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0315](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0315)

**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**

Award of Graduation Venue Hire

Reference number

Tender No 1713

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

- 55130000 - Other hotel services

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

Services

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

The contract is to host graduation ceremonies between 14th and 18th March 2022, 4th and 8th April 2022, 18th and 22nd July 2022 where there is no viable alternative venue, within South East Wales, located within the region of one of our University campuses (Cardiff, Newport and Pontypridd), to support the number of individuals that are due to be present at these event(s).

#### **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: £180,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

The contract is to host graduation ceremonies between 14th and 18th March 2022, 4th and 8th April 2022, 18th and 22nd July 2022. These events are usually held at University of South Wales' premises. However, due to the restrictions imposed in response to Covid-19, graduation ceremonies due to take place in both Summer and Winter 2020 and 2021 could not go ahead. USW is keen to ensure learners, that were awarded during lockdown or the period when restrictions were in place, celebrate their success. Given the number of learners affected during the academic years 2019/2020 and 2020/21, it is not viable for these events to be held at USW's premises, as there is insufficient capacity. USW has explored venues capable of hosting the number of learners and associated individuals (including representatives from USW) and concluded there is only one provider with sufficient capacity and availability, International Convention Centre (ICC Wales), part of the Celtic Collection and located next to the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport . For these reasons, USW wishes to award a contract directly to International Convention Centre (ICC Wales), to hold the graduation ceremonies between 14th and 18th March 2022, 4th and 8th April 2022, 18th and 22nd July 2022, in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) (Use of the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("PCR").

#### **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 IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The contract is to enable USW to host graduation ceremonies, involving a large number of individuals (an estimated 15,000 awarded students plus their guests. USW's premises are not sufficient in size to hold the number of people due to be involved in this event(s). Having explored the hospitality market's offering and availability on the dates of the graduation ceremonies, USW has concluded there is only one provider with sufficient capacity and availability, International Convention Centre (ICC Wales). Save for International Convention Centre (ICC Wales), no other third-party organisation can support USW in hosting the forthcoming graduation ceremonies. For these reasons, USW wishes to award a contract directly to International Convention Centre (ICC Wales), to hold the graduation ceremonies between 14th and 18th March 2022, 4th and 8th April 2022, 18th and 22nd July 2022, in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) (Use of the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication) of the PCR.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **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**

15 October 2021

#### **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**

ICC Wales

Coldra Woods, Newport

Newport

NP181HQ

Telephone

+44 1633410296

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

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: £180,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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United Kingdom