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Tender

Research Intelligence Tool

University of Ulster

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ulster.ac.uk

I.3) Communication

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

https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Research Intelligence Tool

Reference number

project_26527

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72320000 - Database services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The main purpose of the tool is to enable the University to access meaningful, data-driven evidence to support our understanding of the research landscape and our research and innovation performance relative to other HEIs. This will facilitate the generation of reliable validated intelligence reports across a variety of perspectives and content to inform evidence-based target-setting and strategic decisions in relation to funding and investment.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72310000 - Data-processing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The University works in a complex, data-oriented research environment where we need to be able to measure the quality and impact of our research.

A Research Intelligence tool will enable us to analyse our research performance against our peer institutions and will improve our ability to establish, execute and evaluate our institutional research strategy. The tool will enable us to assess Ulster's research performance from a variety of perspectives in order to:

• validate research results;

• facilitate robust reporting to senior management to enable evidence-based decision-making;

• identify research strengths and shortcomings and determine which areas to invest in;

• track research performance;

• benchmark research performance against peer institutions;

• evaluate researcher and team performance for promotion, recruitment and retention decisions.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

option to extend the contract for a period or periods of up to 36 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

Anticipated spend on this contract is approx £50k per annum in all categories; however, the University cannot give any guarantee as to the future value or volume of business awarded through this contract. The University reserves the right to modify this contract, under Regulation 72(1)(a) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, in events of higher or lower spend necessitated by unexpected change

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

9 December 2021

Local time

3:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

9 December 2021

Local time

3:00pm

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

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 University will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) 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).