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## **Specialist ERP Consultancy**

Southampton Solent University

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05298b

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

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

Southampton Solent University

East Park Terrace

Southampton

SO14 0YN

#### **Email**

[finance.procurement@solent.ac.uk](mailto:finance.procurement@solent.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ32 - Southampton

#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**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**

Specialist ERP Consultancy

Reference number

25.CPMO.04

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Consultancy services to assist with the implementation of the ERP project for the new Finance, HR and Payroll system.

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £200,000 / Highest offer: £500,000 taken into consideration

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ32 - Southampton

Main site or place of performance

Southampton Solent University campuses and remotely.

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

Consultancy services to assist with the implementation of the ERP project for the new Finance, HR and Payroll system.

The University engaged Real Staffing, a subsidiary of S Three Partnership in August 2024 to provide specialist consultants to assist with the implementation of its new ERP system after inviting a number of companies to submit candidates. Anticipated spend at this point was that it would be under the tendering threshold and therefore no notice was published.

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

Options: No

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

It is anticipated that this project will be completed by the end of September 2025, subject to successful testing.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Due to delays in the project, it has become necessary to extend the services of the current consultants and engage additional support relating to migration and report writing in order to meet the required timelines. The result of this extension of the project timelines, the original anticipated value of the contract will now exceed the tendering threshold. Due to their experience and intimate knowledge and familiarity with the project and there by providing the most appropriate candidates the University wishes to retain the services of Real Staffing for this purpose. It is anticipated the value should not exceed £500k in total, but this is an estimate at this point in time.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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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**

29 April 2025

#### **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**

Real Staffing Group Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

OC387148

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £200,000 / Highest offer: £500,000 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Southampton Solent University

Southampton

Country

United Kingdom