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# **Specialist ERP Consultancy**

Southampton Solent University

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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

#### 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

## 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

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 it's 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.

## 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

## 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

# Section VI. Complementary information

# VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Southampton Solent University

Southampton

Country

United Kingdom