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Planning

Grass and Artificial Sports Surfaces Maintenance Services

University of Ulster

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

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

Grass and Artificial Sports Surfaces Maintenance Services

Reference number

project_27030

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77300000 - Horticultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Grass and Artificial Sports Surfaces Maintenance Services

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services
- 77315000 - Seeding services
- 77320000 - Sports fields maintenance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Ulster University campuses in Northern Ireland at Coleraine, Derry ~ Londonderry and Jordanstown Sports Village (JSV)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Ulster University intends to commence a procurement exercise for Grass and Artificial Sports Surfaces Maintenance Services later this year. The Services will include maintenance on a wide range of sports surfaces, including although not exclusively:

- Natural grass.
- Hybrid grass (fibre reinforced natural grass).
- 2G Artificial turf.
- 3G Artificial turf.
- Water Based Artificial turf.
- Artificial turf Cricket wickets.
- Synthetic Athletic tracks.

It is anticipated that lots may not apply and the University may award a single contract to an Economic Operator. The University welcomes tender submissions from service providers who wish to work together as a consortium, however, consortium members may not be part of more than one consortium.

The indicative timetable for the main stages of the procurement process is anticipated to be as follows:

- Invitation to Tender (ITT) - December 2023
- Contract Award - March 2024
- Services Commencement - April 2024

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) and Request for Information (RFI) is to invite potential service providers to express an interest and provide information to assist with the procurement and development of a specification for Grass and Artificial Sports Surfaces Maintenance.

The procurement route, duration and type of contract(s) shall be determined following this preliminary market consultation and engagement with market participants.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition, a pre-qualification questionnaire, part of any pre-qualification/selection process or a current tender opportunity. Potential service providers will need to express an interest in any future tender opportunity once a Contract Notice is published.

II.2.14) Additional information

The anticipated contract period shall be for an initial 4-year contract period with the option to extend for any periods up to and including 48 months.

The estimated total value stated above in Section II.1.5 above includes the initial 4 year contract period and the option to extend the contract for any periods up to and including 48 months.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 December 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note that the Request for Information (RFI) questionnaire for this opportunity will be accessible on the eSourcing NI platform. This RFI questionnaire also contains further information on the opportunity which can be accessed on the following portal website: [https://e- sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml](https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml).

This RFI questionnaire should be completed by interested providers and submitted via eSourcing NI as directed no later than 27 October 2023.

The information contained within this notice may be subject to change within the final Contract Notice published in relation to this opportunity.

The University will, once the Contract Notice and procurement documents have been published, welcome interest from all capable potential service providers. However, interested parties are advised that they must ultimately satisfy the minimum requirements of the initial selection criteria that will be set out in the procurement documents, in order to be considered for shortlisting to proceed to the next stage, Invitation to Tender (ITT) award criteria of the procurement process.