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Contract

## **590 - Graduate Support Services**

Aston University

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b1f8

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Aston University

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Birmingham

B4 7ET

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKG31 - Birmingham

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.aston.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.aston.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**

590 - Graduate Support Services

Reference number

DN543221

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

The class of 2021 graduates are facing the most difficult labour market any graduating cohort has faced. Within this context, Aston University is seeking to provide additional support for 2021 graduates and, as part of this overall increased support, we wish to partner with an external consultancy to work with our overall cohort of graduates, as well as providing targeted additional support for those who are either underemployed or unemployed with a view to progressing them into positive destinations.

#### **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: £200,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

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

Through this partnership, we are looking to provide a positive, personalised experience and therefore increased affiliation with the graduates you work with. We are seeking a partner who can deliver a comprehensive support package for graduates that are under or unemployed. The aim is to;

- deliver tangible improvements in graduate outcomes
- upskill graduates through a range of supported activities
- ensure graduates feel that they have been fully supported by the University.

The contract will be established for an initial period of 15 months with an option to extend for a further period/periods of 1 year at a time.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Service & Operational Delivery / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Architecture / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Presentations / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Terms and Conditions / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **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**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-010887](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

590

### **Title**

590 - Graduate Support Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

20 October 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 8

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 8

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Gradcore

22 Paradise Square

Sheffield

S1 2DE

Email

[info@gradcore.co.uk](mailto:info@gradcore.co.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

National registration number

06325906

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Aston University

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Please contact the University via the ProContract e-tendering portal in the first instance.

This authority will incorporate a minimum of 10 calendar days standstill period.  
Information on the award of the contract will be communicated to tenderers.