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Award

24-36 ERP and HR/Payroll System

UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Charity Commission (England and Wales)

EW45579

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.wlv.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**

24-36 ERP and HR/Payroll System

Reference number

24-36

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This notice covers the migration of an existing combined financial management (ERP) and HR services system from on premise infrastructure to a vendor managed cloud solution

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: £1,672,378

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice covers the migration of an existing ERP and HR/Payroll system to a vendor managed cloud solution.

University of Wolverhampton currently use the Unit4 Enterprise Resource Planning system (ERP) system for management of financial transactions, HR records and pension and payroll processing. Unit4 also provides support and maintenance under this contract.

Unit4 has informed the University that it is migrating its ERP system to the cloud. It follows that the current on-premise solution being provided to the University is no longer going to be available. The University is therefore planning a transition from the Unit4 on-premise solution to the updated cloud offering. The University's rationale and legal justification for awarding the new vendor managed cloud solution contract to Unit4 is included in this notice. The intended award date is 30th September 2024.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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:

Unit4's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system is currently being used by the entire University for the management of all financial activity, HR records, absence administration, pension and payroll management. Unit4 also provides support and maintenance under this contract. Unit4's system has integrations with other existing University systems such as the Student Records System (Tribal SITS) and the Accommodation Management System (StarRez). The ERP application is business critical IT infrastructure linked to both staff and student facing activities.

Unit4 is migrating its on-premise ERP solution to the Cloud. Given the critical nature of this software package and interdependencies across the University it is not currently viable to change the provider of the system. In addition, existing systems, which have separate contracts to the ERP system, were procured on the basis of their integration abilities with the Unit4 ERP application. A project of this nature would take a considerable amount of both personnel resource and financial budget, any issues with this role out would negatively affect the experience of both staff and student at the University.

The University's award of this contract directly to Unit4 is duly justified in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. On the basis of the above facts, the University is of the view that competition is absent for technical reasons. The Unit4 System is an essential part of the University's infrastructure, such that any down time or system failure would have a detrimental effect on critical operations of the University.

At the present time it would be impossible for the University to procure an alternative economic operator to implement the solution, provide the full range of services and train all University users, within a suitable timeframe and without detrimentally impacting the operations of the University.

The proposed Contract term is 3 years with optional 1 + 1 year extension provisions. The planned award date is 30th September 2024.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

24-36

Title

ERP and HR/Payroll System

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 September 2024

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

Unit4 Business Software Limited

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Companies House

01737985

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,672,378

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

University of Wolverhampton

Wolverhampton

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Third parties may have rights under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and as set out in those regulations.