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## **Colocation datacentre facility to host services for the CU Group**

Coventry University

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049d4b

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

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

Coventry University

Priory Street

COVENTRY

CV15FB

#### **Contact**

Thomas Hasson

#### **Email**

[ad7747@coventry.ac.uk](mailto:ad7747@coventry.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKG33 - Coventry

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/coventryuniversity>

**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**

Colocation datacentre facility to host services for the CU Group

Reference number

SC-1008-23-TH

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

Colocation datacentre facility to host services for the CU Group.

### **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: £516,666.67

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

NUTS codes

- UKG33 - Coventry

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

Colocation datacentre facility to host services for the CU Group.

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

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

AQL is our primary datacentre, it would be significant business risk to rush into a plan to relocate the primary datacentre and network communication links. We decided to continue our existing relationship with AQL for the stability of datacentre services due to the current financial position of the university group and the pressures facing the education sector.

Technology is also changing at a rapid pace which makes it difficult to accurately predict long term placement of services as we continue to adopt more cloud technology. The AQL

service is to remain in place for the next 2 years while a formal review is undertaken of our datacentre requirements. Once this decision is made, the university will go through a formal

tender process for these services for a longer term partnership agreement

#### **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**

24 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**

(aq) Limited

13-15 Hunslet Road

Leeds

LS10 1JQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE42 - Leeds

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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: £516,666.67

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Coventry University

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom