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Award

Research Management Software (Worktribe)

University Of The West Of England

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040cde

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

University Of The West Of England

Frenchay Campus, Coldharbour Lane

Bristol

BS16 1QY

Email

purchasing@uwe.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.uwe.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

Research Management Software (Worktribe)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Worktribe is a market leading software-as-service research management platform for research management. The suite provides a range of capabilities in use by the institution. The Research Management has been developed from the ground up to help academics and administrators manage research activity from initial project conception to bid preparation, approval, submission and post-award. The functionality includes; Costing and pricing, Document management, Approvals workflow, Ethics and peer reviews, Contracts management, Structured assessment and management of benefits and risks. These modules provide a cloud-based software platform for higher education research across the entire research project lifecycle.

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: £248,122

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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:

An end-to-end research lifecycle management consisting of the following: research pre-award, post-award and contracts products. UWE receives external funding to carry out academic research projects, a proportion of this is won through competitive bids to funders, through charities, government bodies and industrial organisations.

The process of submitting applications to funders, the receipt of award funding, tracking of the award through its lifecycle and invoicing of expenditure against the award is then carried out mainly by nominated staff.

The management overhead on staff across the university in application and awards management is very large, and the need for communication and collaboration within the university is critical.

In order to improve and streamline these processes as much as possible UWE has explored the market for Research Awards Management systems. These are systems that assist with "end-to-end" management of the awards process, from bid development through to project closure.

This is a 5 year contract extension. Since first procuring Worktribe the University has made a substantial investment in terms of integrations into the rest of the technical estate, working processes and staff training.

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

318929

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 September 2023

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

Worktribe Limited

Engineers House, The Promenade, Clifton Down

Bristol

BS8 3NB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Companies House

04576074

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £248,122

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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