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PEMD Skills Hub Platform

Coventry University

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Main address

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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**

PEMD Skills Hub Platform

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Coventry University Service Ltd, is working with Whitespace Global Ltd for the design and delivery of a digital platform, including a body of industry knowledge, and marketplace functionality for job postings and education, training and University courses.

This will include the delivery of the remaining elements of Coventry University Services Limited Electric Skills Revolution Hub including the Exploration sprint and UX design sprints.

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: £245,973

II.2) Description**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG33 - Coventry

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To design and deliver a digital hub platform, including a body of industry knowledge, and marketplace functionality for job postings and education, training and University courses.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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:

Coventry University Services Ltd, working on behalf of Driving the Electric Revolution (DER), will deliver the UK National Power Electronic Machines Drove (PEMD) Hub.

The Hub will impartially curate, organise and host a range of innovative and traditional courses that meets industry needs and encourages the community to share PEMD skills. The Hub will simplify, encourage, and facilitate interaction between recruiters, universities, training providers and current and future workforce.

Development of the hub platform has a number of very specific requirements that make a procurement process unsuitable. The Hub is at a critical stage of delivery and has strict requirements for the launch date of the digital platform. In order to manage the risk to the project and Coventry University group, development must commence immediately and proceed at pace.

1. The development needs to integrate with existing systems. Due to previous work with Whitespace Global Ltd, the supplier has an understanding of the technical requirements and platforms currently in use. The short timescale necessary for the development means that the time taken to achieve the same level of understanding with another supplier would jeopardise the project.

2. Scoping exercises previously managed by Whitespace Global Ltd have resulted in development of a unique Intellectual Property. This means that only Whitespace Global Ltd is capable of meeting the deadline for completion of development and avoid delays which would be detrimental to the skills hub and Coventry University group.

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

Title

PEMD Skills Hub Platform

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 October 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

Whitespace Global Limited

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

NI642645

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: £245,973

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Coventry University

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom