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## **Provision of Research Technology Partnership Solutions**

The University of Birmingham

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03e04b

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

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

The University of Birmingham

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Birmingham B15 2TT

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#### **Contact**

Sarah Randle

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKG31 - Birmingham

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**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**

Provision of Research Technology Partnership Solutions

Reference number

FRAM0577/23

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72222300 - Information technology services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

### II.1.4) Short description

The procurement is for a new partnership agreement, to succeed the current contract 'The Provision of Research Technology Partnership Solutions' SC/3818/15. Since 2015, it has supported the evolution and success of the Birmingham Environment for Academic Research (BEAR) and other major research computing initiatives, including the EPSRC funded Tier2 facility, Baskerville and the MRC funded CLIMB cloud. The new technology partnership will underpin the University's ambitious goals, encapsulated in 'Birmingham 2030' and the role of computational science in achieving those goals. We are looking for a partner to bring expertise and industry insight in the drive to exploit the latest technologies to build high performance, sustainable and reliable services. As such, the partner must be able to deliver added value across our broad spectrum of activity in addition to the basic supply of advanced infrastructure and services. For background to the current operation, see [bear.bham.ac.uk](http://bear.bham.ac.uk)

### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

## II.2) Description

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Main site or place of performance

University of Birmingham, B15 2TT

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Research Technology Partnership Solutions

### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Re-Tender depending on requirement

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

As detailed within the Tender documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Due to complex nature

#### **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: [2023/S 000-019644](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

23 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

11 December 2023

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

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

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