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Tender

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

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Country

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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

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

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

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

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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